OFF THE BACKBOARD

By J. E. O'BRIEN

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 2.—Without trying to lure fans or fame from the other holiday hoop to-do's, they've always called this New Year's Day basketball open house the "tourney of champions." And obviously for a good reason.

Irrespective of basketball, you have to go to superlatives to describe the sidelights of this affair. And it was all here yesterday at the Berry Bowl—some of central Indiana's twirlingest drum majors; four bands welded into one, a corps of vivacious cheer learers, one of the loudest collections of throats we've heard in some time, and regular floor shows every time play stopped. Mention must be made, too, of the unidentified Indian with Anderson's team, who smokes a dry peace pipe, uses his face as a testing ground for rouge and won't utter even a single "ugh" for publication.

Newcastle's repeat victory in the tournament didn't startle many of the soda-fountain seers who stalked Broadway as far as 13th St. here yesterday, although there was some disappointment that the Trojans and the Anderson Indians didn't get together. Anderson was the favorite on the morning line with New Castle and Logansport believed capable of victory. The eyebrows would have gone up, only if the Muncie Bearcats had skipped through two victories.

Four for Four for the Trojans

THERE'S NOT MUCH a team can do when its enemies plunk in four baskets from as many attempts—and that's just what befell the host Berries in last night's finale with New Castle. Logansport held a 32-30 lead with three minutes to play. Twice the Trojans and once the Berries refused free throws. Then, as the timers watched their second hands, Marshall (Coon-dog) Koontz let fly a one-hander from the circle that was good.

As if that wasn't enough, Bill Wells, George Johnson and Estil Mukes hit overtime baskets in succession for New Castle. Logansport was able to recover only one of these, and the game ended, 38-34.

Frankly the Logansport team is something of a puzzle to this observer, but whatever the Berries lack in punch-and-drive ability they make up with their marksmanship. They shoot often and make a fair number—and that apparently is all Mr. Cliff Wells desires.

Young Bud Pitman of the Berries nearly ruined the Trojans with his left-handed poke shots. Two in a row in the second quarter plus a successful set-up from the corner gave the Berries a lead that the Trojans didn't overcome until Mr. Koontz' timely toss.

New Castle wasn't the smooth team against Logansport that it had been in defeating Muncie Central in the afternoon, 33-30. But the Berries were gathering baskets aplenty, and in such a situation you can't be too particular about how and when you shoot.

Pitman and lean, bespectacled George Babcock each meshed six Logansport field goals in the final game, and Koontz got the same number but he took a lot of tries to do it.

A Story-Rook Finish

IT WAS A STORY-BOOK finish with this same Mr. Pitman as the hero that carried Logansport past the favored Anderson Indians in the afternoon session. This mite in red broke away in the final minute to score from underneath and give the Berries a 28-26 lead.

For a while it was feared this game might turn into a parade to the free-throw line. Messrs. George Bender and Carl Dickerson, who had the whistles and were blowing 'em, detected 10 fouls in the first period, which didn't allow either team much chance to do anything.

Anderson's "T-men," George Turner and Hank Taylor, along with Tom Ecoff, found Pitman as much of a nuisance as the Trojans were going to find him. His one-hander from the side put the Berries into a 22-21 lead at the end of the third quarter, and his shot from the outfield broke Anderson's 24-23 advantage midway in the final session.

Muncie's Bearcats, who wore star-spangled ensembles in the afternoon but turned to more conservative garb for their evening appearance, managed to match New Castle's attack for nearly three quarters. But once the Trojans went ahead at 25-23, the Bearcats didn't have a look-in.

Anderson's afternoon defeat left Coach Archie Chadd studying his little black book of secrets, and apparently he was as worried about his Indians as we were that an ASCAP tune or two would leak out of the rainproofed bowl over the two radio microphones in attendance.

An interesting sidelight to this consolation affair was the personal duel between Anderson's Hank Taylor and Muncie's Ken Tweedy, a couple of boys you should hear more about later. Tweedy couldn't get the support given Taylor, so his efforts were futile—but he's good timber for anybody's all-something-or-other.

What Happened to Columbus?

Other holiday tournaments produced a few surprises and knocked the varnish off several early-season favorites. Columbus' much-talked-about Bulldogs failed to get through the first round of the tourney at Shelbyville, while the two North Central guests, Frankfort and Marion, went into the finals. The Hot Dogs had their own way there, scoring a 47-39 victory. Three Frankfort players, Witman, Unroe and Stein, racked up 44 of the club's 47 points.

Washington's Hatchets barely got to the finals in the Vincennes tourney, squeezing past Huntingburg, 33-32, in the afternoon. But Jasper easily disposed of Vincennes in the first round and then avenged a previous loss to the Hatchets by thumping them, 45 to 34.

Mitchell wasn't the perfect host to Bloomington, Martinsville and Bedford, and won its own tournament, defeating the Stonecutters, 36-26, in the deciding game. The same was true at Muncie, where Burris outclassed Elwood, Alexandria and Tipton. At Lawrenceburg, powerful Madison took the title from among Aurora, North Vernon and Lawrenceburg.

Brotherly Love In Philly? Ask Hoosier Caps

Holiday Day Ice Game Is Marred by Fisticuffs

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Western Division

	W	L	T	GF	SA	Pts
Cleveland	14	5	4	87	58	32
Hershey	12	10	4	93	87	28
Pittsburgh	10	12	2	71	73	22
INDIANAPOLIS	8	15	4	65	89	20
Buffalo	7	16	0	60	86	14

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	GF	SA	Pts
New Haven	15	7	3	84	60	33
Springfield	11	8	5	71	61	27
Providence	12	12	0	72	73	24
Philadelphia	9	13	2	65	81	20

RESULTS LAST NIGHT
Philadelphia, 5; INDIANAPOLIS, 3.
Hershey, 4; Buffalo, 2.
New Haven, 6; Providence, 4.

GAMES TONIGHT
Pittsburgh at Springfield.
Providence at Buffalo.

Times Special

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—After resting up here today from a bruising battle with the Ramblers last night, Indianapolis hockey Capitals moved on to Hershey where they are to end the current road trip against the Bears Saturday.

Following the Hershey tilt, the Hoosiers will speed back to Indianapolis to meet Philadelphia again Sunday night.

The Caps' losing streak was extended to three in a row when the Ramblers finished on the long end of a 5-to-3 score here last night in an exciting struggle featured by a free-for-all melee in the third period that resulted in four major penalties.

Philadelphia staged a three-goal rally in the third session to clinch the honors.

Ken Kilrea, Indianapolis, and Bill Allum, Philadelphia, touched off the fistic fireworks by squaring off and shortly all members of both teams, including the goalies, were out there swinging.

K. Kilrea and Buck Jones, Indianapolis, and Allum and Bill Juzda, Ramblers, were banished for five minutes.

The Caps jumped off to a 2-1 first period lead, were caught in the second and subdued in the third. Indianapolis goals were chalked up by Douglas, Keating and Thomson.

Philadelphia (3).		Indianapolis (3).
Bourque	Goalie	Franks
McCully	Right Defense	Jones
Ailsby	Left Defense	Jackson
Wareing	Center	Douglas
Polich	Right Wing	Thomson
Collings	Left Wing	Wilder

Spares—(Philadelphia) Allum, Smith, Calladine, Boucher, McKay, Foster, Juzda, Pechet; (Indianapolis) McCaig, Behling, McDonald, Keating, Brown, H. Kilrea, K. Kilrea, Herchenratter, Jennings.

—Score by Periods—

Philadelphia	1	1	3—5
Indianapolis	2	0	1—3

First Period Scoring—1-Philadelphia, Foster (Smith), 5:44. 2-Indianapolis, Douglas (Thomson, Wilder), 8:32; 3-Indianapolis, Keating (H. Kilrea, K. Kilrea), 14:27. Penalties—None.

Second Period Scoring—4-Philadelphia, Collings (Polich, Wareing), 4:49. Penalties—None.

Third Period Scoring—5-Philadelphia, Boucher (Ailsby, Pechet), 5:14; 6-Philadelphia, Smith (Calladine), 9:00; 7-Philadelphia, Wareing (McCully), 10:55; 8-Indianapolis, Thomson (Wilder, Douglas), 19:43. Penalties—Allum, H. Kilrea, Jones, Juzda.

Bowling

Harold Rivers' total of 931 (803 actual pins and 128 handicap) held up in the St. Philips Alleys scratch classic as the event was concluded yesterday.

Bob Rowe, rolling in the final section of 82 pinmen, garnered an 882 total yesterday (823 actual series of four games and 59 handicap) but failed to displace any of seven previous leaders.

Rowe smacked the maples for games scores of 223, 150, 269 and 181. Carl Mindach was second in the New Year's Day competition with an 876 total on 836 pins and 40 handicap.

Shooting without handicap, Johnny Fehr collected the best actual mark yesterday, an 864 total on games of 205, 206, 213 and 240. He landed 15th place in the classic's money list, the lone one of four high average men to collect.

Final standing of the 25 leaders, subject to a check of league averages:

	Score	Hdcp.	Total
Harold Rivers	803	128	931
Jim Smoyer	819	99	918
Don McNew	854	56	910
Joe Fulton	865	35	900
Paul Day	860	40	900
J. Campbell	797	93	890
Clarence Bolds	878	8	886
E. Simmons	847	35	882
Bob Rowe	823	59	882
Max Kosof	837	43	880
Carl Mindach	836	40	876
Bill Lee	833	37	870
B. Mills	816	53	869
Bud Schoch	834	35	869
John Fehr	864		864
Bill Berger	845	43	868
Bob Schaub	799	64	863
Manuel Schonecker	852	11	863
Lorenz Wiesman	814	43	857
G. Dillane	796	61	857
George Zix	796	58	854
Walter Heckman	824	27	851
C. Schrout	725	125	850
Francis Raftery	804	45	849
L. Chandler	781	67	848

Paul Croker, manager of the Fountain Square 1050 scratch classic, announced the entry list at 77 to date. This will assure the winning team a $200 purse. Entries will close tomorrow night. Dates are Jan. 4 and 5 and 11 and 12.

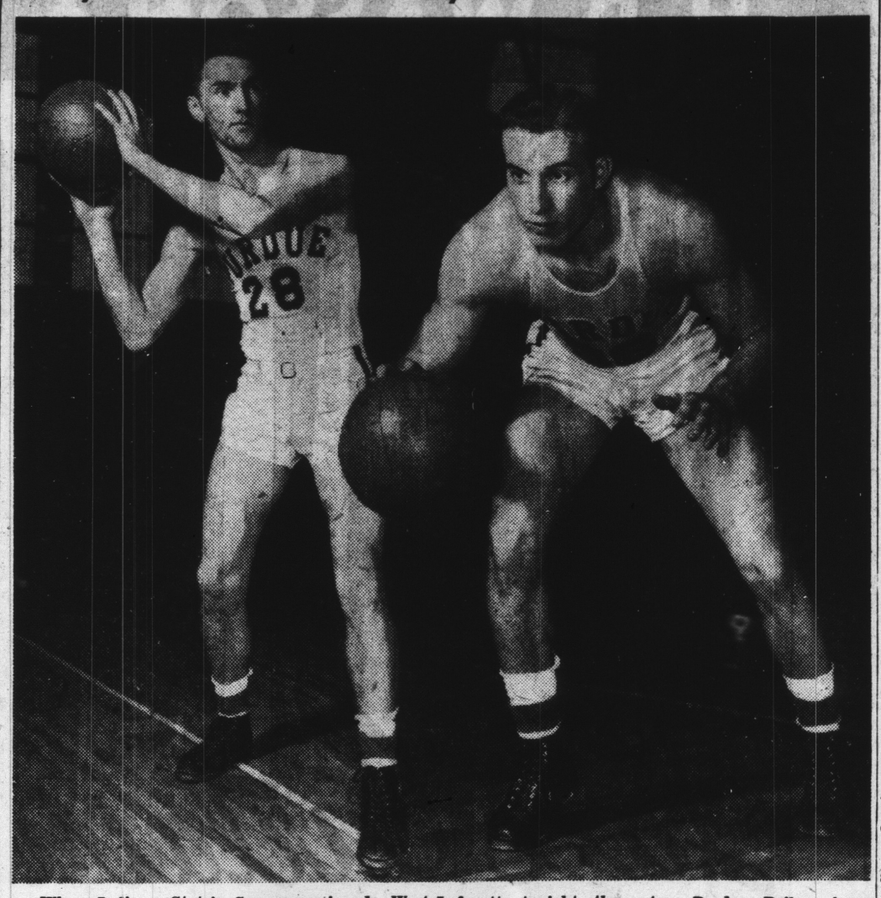
Victors Announced In Archery Meet

Top honors in the city-wide indoor archery tourney held at the Central Y. M. C. A. yesterday were won by F. M. Colter, men's division, and Mrs. H. C. Fletterjohn, women's division. Scores of leaders:

Men—F. M. Colter, 580; H. C. Fletterjohn, 541; W. Schretferman, 531.

Women—Mrs. H. C. Fletterjohn, 409; Margaret Barrie, 224; Mrs. F. M. Colter, 213.

Sycamores Will Try to Shackle Them



When Indiana State's Sycamores invade West Lafayette tonight these two Purdue Boilermakers will be marked men. Don Blanken (left), who alternates at center and forward, and Forrest Sprowl, forward, are high scorers for the champions of the Big Ten.

Tech Fades in Stretch Again

It happened again to the unlucky Tech Greenclads last night at Rushville. Leading at the close of the third period, Tech fell before a lightning Lion rally and handed a 36-32 triumph to the hosts.

Tech possessed a 28-21 lead at the end of the three quarters, but in the final period Rushville chalked up 15 points while holding the locals to four.

Young and M. Pearsey led this Lion spurt, the former getting two field goals and Persey hitting both of his attempts from the field and three of four charity tosses.

However, Tech did its share of the rallying, too, overcoming a 17-7 Rushville advantage in the second period. Two buckets apiece on the part of Bob Evans, Harry Hagans, and Bob Wilson, plus one by Roy Hurley gave Tech 14 markers in the third period, after the Lions had registered a 17-14 halftime margin.

The fourth quarter was bliss at its height for Rushville, the Lions connecting on six out of nine shots from the field for a dizzy .667 average.

In spite of Rushville's amazing last-quarter accuracy, Tech carried off percentage honors. The Green and White made 13 of 52 for a satisfactory .250 average; while the Lions' .237 per cent was garnered on 14 successes out of 59 tries.

Scoring honors for both sides were shared by three members. Hurley led Tech with 10 on four fielders and two gratis tosses. Hagans made nine and Evans, who fouled out early in the last quarter, six. For Rushville, Young made 11 on four fielders and three free throws. M. Pearsey made nine points, seven of them in the rip-roaring final period.

Cage Scores

STATE COLLEGES
Evansville, 58; Ohio University, 57.
James Millikin, 35; DePauw, 26.

OTHER COLLEGES
Wake Forest, 42; Buffalo Teachers, 39.
Appentice, 41; Virginia Tech, 39.
Detroit, 68; Centenary, 34.
Western State (Michigan), 59; Chicago, 48.
Toledo, 54; Dartmouth, 48.
City College of New York, 43; Canisius, 42.
Texas Wesleyan, 52; New Mexico Mines, 30.
Baltimore U., 44; Illinois Wesleyan, 34.

HIGH SCHOOLS
Rushville, 36; Tech (Indianapolis), 32.
Wiley (Terre Haute), 35; Garfield (Terre Haute), 25.
Clay City, 33; Brazil, 27.
Dugger, 39; Linton, 33.
Cayuga, 44; Kingman, 17.
Hymera, 38; Sullivan, 25.
Shelburn, 32; Jasonville, 30.
Clinton, 51; Paris (Ill.), 35.
Spencer, 40; Ellettsville, 34.

HOLIDAY TOURNEYS
At Logansport
Logansport, 28; Anderson, 26.
New Castle, 33; Muncie, 30.
Anderson, 35; Muncie, 27 (consolation).
New Castle, 38; Logansport, 34 (overtime final).

At Shelbyville
Marion, 31; Shelbyville, 27.
Frankfort, 31; Columbus, 26.
Shelbyville, 41; Columbus, 22 (consolation).
Frankfort, 47; Marion, 39 (final).

At Muncie
Tipton, 35; Elwood, 23.
Muncie (Burris), 41; Alexandria, 24.
Elwood, 43; Alexandria, 41 (double overtime consolation).
Muncie (Burris), 47; Tipton, 32 (final).

At Vincennes
Washington, 33; Huntingburg, 32.
Jasper, 30; Vincennes, 24.
Huntingburg, 34; Vincennes, 31 (consolation).
Jasper, 45; Washington, 34 (final).

At Mitchell
Mitchell, 38; Bloomington, 25.
Bedford, 37; Martinsville, 28.
Martinsville, 40; Bloomington, 33 (consolation).
Mitchell, 36; Bedford, 26 (final).

At Lawrenceburg
Madison, 38; Lawrenceburg, 29.
Aurora, 36; North Vernon, 34.
Madison, 37; Aurora, 28 (final).

Grayson's SCOREBOARD

While NEA Sports Editor Harry Grayson vacations, The Scoreboard is written by leading sports editors and sports authorities.

By FRANCIS WALLACE
Widely-known Sports Authority and Writer

I HAVE BEEN ASKED by my old pal Harry to help fill his space while he is cavorting on the beach at Waikiki. Any subject, he says, will do.

Okay. My subject is Grayson.

I always figure that people who read a writer every day are interested in what kind of a guy he is. At least, back in the old home town of Bellaire, O., the fans are always asking me about the personalities of writers.

Well, Grayson is just like—Grayson. He's unique. He's a living legend among the sports writers—and that's why I think he's worth writing about—for the boys are cynically modest about publicizing each other. Harry is a regular guy and a great newspaperman. He gets impulses and follows them to strange places—such as Waikiki. He has a sense of humor and he also has all the masculine virtues you can think of.

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HE'S SOMEWHERE around 40 but he hops around like a 20-year-old. He keeps in shape—probably without any effort. He's about 6 feet, 180, has sharp dark eyes, plenty of hair that is edging from black to gray. His voice is quick and he knows all the American dialects, including the profane. He's always good for laughs—and he tells a story better than he knows. He has a full background in sports and he knows as many people personally as any other man you can mention.

I get around some myself in a year's time; and wherever I go I look for Grayson—and usually find him. He's where the fun and laughs are—but the thing about Grayson is that he's always working. He is always looking for an angle and he's always asking questions. He can get more work out of other newspapermen than anybody I know; and I don't know any reporter who gives more to his job.

I first met him in New York about 15 years ago. He came there with a reputation from the Coast. Since then America has been his field. He's a real rambler. He's welcome anywhere—except in those circles where he has recently told somebody the truth where it hurt—either in print or vocally. He does either very well.

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HIS FRIENDS and pals are legion. He went to Cuba a few years ago on a holiday and became a pal of the dictator. Now when Grayson goes back, the Army meets him.

There's an economic waste at the moment with Grayson at Waikiki. He should be in the war zone. Grayson would wake those generals up in the middle of the night. He'd make a parachute landing in London. He'd have Churchill writing pieces for him—and he'd tell Hitler exactly where to get off—and probably get away with it.

In fact, he and I tried just that during the World Series in Cincinnati. We were at a bar at 3 in the morning and life was pleasant. I said that the trouble with Hitler was that he didn't know how to have fun. The idea appealed to Grayson and he immediately put in a call for Hitler—collect. But Hitler never answered. Perhaps he'd heard of Grayson.

Race Track Goes On Auction Block

NEW ORLEANS, aJn. 2 (U. P.). The ornamental entrance gates to the old Fair Grounds race track, symbols of half a century of horse racing and high life in New Orleans, were offered from the auction block today.

The steel gates were part of a $150,000 parcel of fixtures of the Louisiana Jockey Club—some of the items dating back to Civil War days—advertised for sale by a real estate syndicate preparing to raze the track and turn it into a residential subdivision.

The auction signalized failure of several recent efforts to save the fair grounds for a restoration of horse racing in Louisiana.

Basketball

Results of the state New Year's tournament at the Pennsy Gym:

Corner Cafe, 32; Kingan Indians, 31.
Yorktown Merchants, 47; Liehr's Tavern, 46.
Armour Packing, 25; Greenwood, 23.
Kay Jewelry, 42; Mays, 31.
Pure Oil, 34; Donnelley A. C., 32 (overtime).
Kingan Reliables, 50; Beadley's Cafe, 20.
Eastern Coal, 38; Shadeland Merchants, 34.
Drikold won by forfeit from Westfield.

Tonight's schedule in the holiday tournament:

7:00—Morton-X vs. N. E. Community Center.
8:00—E. C. Cola vs. Drikold.
9:00—Kay Jewelry vs. Corner Cafe.

Tonight's schedule in the Hawthorne Industrial League:

7:00—Farm Bureau vs. Link Belt.
8:00—Adams vs. Moller's.
9:00—Kingan vs. Mt. Jackson.

Evansville's Aces Averaging 63 Cage Points a Game

By UNITED PRESS

Evansville's high-scoring Aces chalked up their fifth straight victory of the season last night by downing Ohio University, 58-57, while DePauw lost a 35-to-26 decision to James Millikin at Decatur, Ill., in the only two games involving state college basketball teams.

Last night's scoring raised the Aces' total for the season to 315 points for an average of 63 points a game.

Doerner of Evansville was high-point man for the evening with 23 points, although he was followed closely by Ohio's Baumholtz, who scored 22.

Ohio took a nearly lead which it maintained until the closing minutes of the first half when the Aces tied the count at 28-all. A field goal by each side kept the score even for the first half. Evansville piled up a lead in the opening minutes of the second half and staved off an Ohio rally.

DePauw's loss ended a five-game winning streak. One of their victories was a 45-29 decision over this same Millikin team, and the half-time score last night indicated the Tigers might be on their way to their second as they led, 16 to 13.

In the second period the Millikin defense tightened and DePauw was held scoreless from the field until the last minute of the game. Thatcher of DePauw captured scoring honors with nine points while Buse of Millikin led his team with seven.

Red Wings Near Top in National

By UNITED PRESS

Montreal climbed out of the cellar and Detroit moved to within four points of first place in two New Year's Day hockey games played in the National League.

A freak goal gave the Canadiens their upset 2-1 win over the New York Rangers. Ranger forward Alfie Pike, trying to clear the puck from in front of his own net, accidentally knocked it in. Grabowski was credited with the score.

The Red Wings made it four straight over the Chicago Black Hawks with a 4-1 decision. Two fights featured the game, resulting in major penalties to six players. One fight started after the game's end, threatened a general mixup with several spectators involved before order was restored.

Rural Cage Dates

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 2.—The annual Shelbyville County rural high school basketball tourney is to be held in the local Paul Cross gym, Jan. 10 and 11, it was announced today by Robert A. Gossett, Mount Auburn principal.

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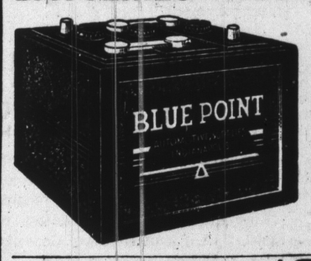

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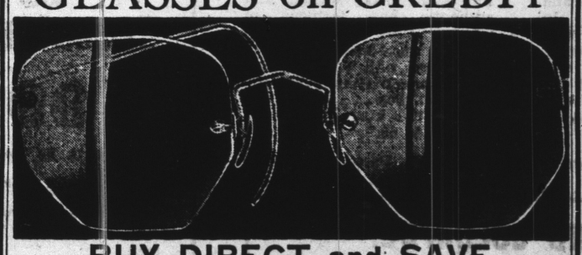
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Champ Jockey Is Vacation Bound

ARCADIA, Cal., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Nineteen-year-old Earl Dew pulled on his silks at Golden Gate park yesterday—the happiest but weariest jockey in the land after clinching the 1940 national riding honors.

Dew booted home Subcleb in the first race at Santa Anita Tuesday and proved himself the year's top jockey with 287 winners while his closest rival, Walt Taylor, finished with one less after tumbling from his mount at Florida's Tropical Park.

"I'd just as soon it ended in a tie, as to have Taylor unable to finish his engagement that way," he said. "But now that it's over, I'm sure happy about winning the championship. It's a pretty big thing for a jockey.

"I'm so tired I'm ready to drop. That competition really had me going. I couldn't sleep nights, I had a tough time eating and was worried the while. But now that it's over I figure I've earned a vacation—doing anything but riding a horse."

Big Train Moody Is Steel Bowl Star

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Morris Brown College of Atlanta today claimed the national Negro football championship.

The Atlanta school defeated Wilberforce University of Xenia, O., 19 to 3, yesterday in the first annual Steel Bowl game here. Approximately 9000 Negroes and 1500 white persons saw the game.

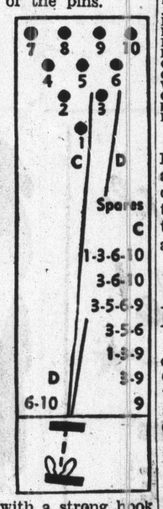
John (Big Train) Moody and Joe Jenkins led the southerners' offensive. Jenkins scored on 35 and 61 yard sprints, and Moody's kicking and passing held Wilberforce at bay.

Strikes to Spare

By FREDDIE FISCHER
World All-Events Champion

FOR SPARES on the right side of the alley, the bowler should shift his approach to the left and turn in the direction of the pins.

Many keglers attempt to make the 3-6-10 split with a straight ball rolled at the left side of the 3 pin so that deflection will carry the others. This is a difficult shot, and a hook ball rolled between the 3 and 6 pins will be found more satisfactory. The 6 pin should carry the 10.



The 3-5-6-9 leave, called the right-hand bucket, is more difficult than the corresponding set-up on the other side of the alley because the angle is difficult.

Many bowlers with a strong hook ball find the 6-10 leave one of the most difficult to make because of the tendency of the ball to go off into the right gutter.

NEXT: Hidden pin spares.

Umpires to Meet

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