

OFF THE BACKBOARD

By J. E. O'BRIEN

SHORTBRIDGE'S VISIT to Columbus this evening should keep the keeper of the scoreboard occupied. Coach George Boots' entertaining Bulldogs, front-runners in the South Central, are a speedy, high-scoring bunch, while Coach Kenneth Peterman's red, white and blue uniformed Devils don't profess to be a deliberate, tight-fisted crew.

Tonight's game is the first of two Columbus has scheduled with Marion County teams who were muffed in last week's tournaments. The Bulldogs are Southport's guests on Friday evening.

WHITING AND Horace Mann of Gary combined to score 48 points in the second half last night after neither had shown a willingness to count points in the first 16 minutes. The halftime score was: Whiting, 13; Horace Mann, 10, and it ended: Whiting, 41; Horace Mann, 30. Frankfort was the evening's high scorer, pouring 62 points to South Bend John Adams' 22. At Evansville, Central gained revenge by hanging a 42-21 lacing on Memorial in a game set back from early December.

The South Central

THE ONE conference game scheduled this week—Washington of Indianapolis at Connersville—will do nothing to the South Central standings unless maybe get the Continentals out of the basement. All the leaders have out-of-league business. Here's how they stand:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Columbus	6	1	.852
Shelbyville	7	2	.777
Greencastle	7	2	.777
Franklin	3	3	.500
Rushville	3	4	.429
Seymour	2	4	.333
Connersville	1	5	.166
Greensburg	1	6	.143
Washington	0	3	.000

The North Central

ANDERSON'S LEAD in the North Central Conference is safe for another week, at least. The Indians' single game this week is with Muncie, while a victory for Frankfort over Kokomo still would leave the Hot Dogs short of first place. Other conference accounts are Logansport at Richmond, Marion at New Castle and Lafayette at Tech. The rundown:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Anderson	7	1	.875
Hammond	5	2	.714
Frankfort	5	2	.714
Muncie	5	3	.625
New Castle	4	3	.571
Richmond	4	3	.571
Kokomo	4	4	.500
Logansport	3	4	.429
Technical	2	4	.333
Marion	2	5	.286
Lafayette	1	6	.143

The S. I. A. C.

VINCENNES, Evansville Central and Washington may head the heap when the week's accounts have been settled in the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference. Vincennes has a Friday date with Princeton, and Washington and Central come together the same night. The Hatchets then move to New Albany on Saturday. The current reading:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Vincennes	6	2	.750
Central	5	2	.714
Washington	3	2	.600
Jasper	3	2	.600
Bosse	3	2	.600
Bloomington	1	1	.500
New Albany	2	5	.285
Bicknell	1	3	.250
Princeton	1	3	.250
Sullivan	0	2	.000

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These Misses Are Hits in Badminton



This trio of champions will play in the "A" division of the city badminton tournament that gets under way tomorrow at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. They are Virginia Cooney, "B" division city ladies singles champion (left), and Katherine Carver and Marie Risk, the ladies doubles queens of Indianapolis.

Yankees Have to Be Stopped In Spring, Fred Haney Says

By FRED McLEMORE

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—If the American League wants to have the closest battle in its history this year, all it has to do is to arrange for Fred Haney to be placed in charge of the draft.

Not the baseball draft, mind you, but the selective service one.

The first thing Haney, who, as you know, manages the St. Louis Browns, would do would be to see that Bob Feller, Hank Greenberg, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and Bobo Newsome got into the Army, and in a hurry.

"Those are the fellows," Haney told me, "who make for the balance of power in the American League. Take them off their teams and Cleveland, Detroit, New York and Boston wouldn't have a great deal on the rest of us. And, if you distributed those players to the weaker clubs, well, we'd be in there knocking all the way."

One Chance to Stop Yankees

On the off chance that he wouldn't be placed in charge of the draft, and that the stars named would start the 1941 season at their old stands, I asked Haney how he thought the American League would go this year. He asked him to guess the October order of finish.

He gave me this lineup: New York, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, Washington and Philadelphia.

"There is only one chance to stop the Yankees," Haney said. "And that's a pretty slim one. But it's a chance just the same. We must beat them to death in the spring. Get on them and lick them before they get a chance to settle down. Joe McCarthy is bringing in a lot of new players. He must experiment. If he happens to find the club that clicks during spring training, or in April, there'll be no beating him."

"The only team with a real chance to lick the Yankees is Cleveland. The Indians are a helluva ball team. Any team with Feller in there throwing for it is a helluva team. He is the No. 1 man in baseball. Not only is he a great pitcher, but he is a nice, quiet boy, who minds his own business and doesn't cause trouble. But the Indians lack the will to win."

Red Sox, Tigers Not Great
Boston and Detroit Haney dismisses as teams with enough to be good but not enough to be great. As a matter of fact, in listing them above his own Browns, he didn't sound too sincere. When I was in San Francisco, a pretty fair judge of baseball by the name of Ty Cobb told me that the Browns would be the surprise of the American League this year. I told Haney this and asked him what he thought.

"Well," he said, "I gave us fifth place and that's pretty good. But to be honest with you, I feel we have an outside chance to climb even higher. For several reasons, one being that our players don't

Bowling

John Steele tacked a hefty 280 game on the back of games of 221 and 196 and wound up with a fat 697 last night in the City Bowling League at the Pritchett Allys.

Second place went to Chuck Markey, with a 679 in the St. Philip No. 1 League, while Carl Moxley was third with a 663 in the Pennsylvania Recreation League.

John Steele, City	697
Chuck Markey, St. Philip No. 1	679
Carl Moxley, Penn Recreation	663
Bob Feller, Pritchett Recreation	658
Bob Craven, Community	649
George Carter, Speedway	648
Ted Young, Commercial	639
Al Menger, J. A. C. Classic	637
Nordholt, West Side Classic	637
Lois Fous, Penn Recreation	635
Ray Bailey, City	634
Ken Christensen, City	634
Harold Carl, Speedway	634
Bollinger, West Side Classic	630
Ed Galema, West Side Classic	629
Joe Smyke, City	618
Dorsey, Parkway No. 2	616
Barry Hartman, Gro	617
M. Jones, Unemployment Comp	616
Lynn Berglund, Community	614
Hamilton, Community	614
Hancock, Penn Recreation	611
Woods, Penn Recreation	610
Christensen, Penn Recreation	610
Eugene Brown, Indiana Recreation	607
Barrett, Community	607
N. Ward, Penn Recreation	606
Lee Carmichael, Penn Recreation	604
Ray Kirby, Commercial	602
Al Durnell, Commercial	601
Charles Fisher, Sahara Grotes	600

All Eyes on Cubs' Rookie

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (U. P.)—It'll be five weeks from today before the major leagues call out their pitchers and catchers for advanced spring training but talk already has swung around to nominating Lou Novikoff, Chicago Cubs' newcomer, as the likeliest rookie of the year.

Novikoff, who hits like Joe DiMaggio and fields in the best Babe Herman tradition, comes up to the Cubs with an impressive slugging record and a talent for eccentricity surpassed only by the personality of his future teammate—Dizzy Dean. The Cubs have been relegated to the National League's second division for 1941 by most of the baseball oracles but if Manager Jimmy Wilson can steer Novikoff's batting talent close enough to his remarkable minor league record—never under 350 in any league—his club may be the surprise of the year. Certainly Rookie Novikoff will be.

Novikoff was one of 13 children in the family of two Russian immigrants and played softball under the sobriquet of Lou Nova. One of his feats in over six years of softball was a 352-foot homer with a 13-inch softball. That led to a trial with Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League for 36 games he

Lose Riska

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 22.—Loss of Capt. Eddie Riska, high-scoring forward for an indefinite period, will hamper Notre Dame's chances of keeping a five-game winning streak alive against Michigan State here Saturday night. The Spartans, who broke winning chains of Creighton, Long Island, and Temple, have won six straight themselves.

Riska was injured in the first half of the Syracuse game at Syracuse, which Notre Dame won, 54 to 49, in overtime, Monday night. X-rays on his return revealed a fracture in his left foot. It is believed he will be unable to play for four weeks.

climbed to 452 with 61 hits on the coast.

Last year he practically took the Coast League apart in 174 games. He drove in 171 runs, scored 147, hammered out 259 hits, including 41 homers, six triples and 44 doubles for an average of .365. Meanwhile his fielding improved steadily.

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Cage Scores

STATE HIGH SCHOOLS
Frankfort, 62; South Bend John Adams, 52.
Hammond, 36; Gary Emerson, 34.
Whiting, 31; Gary Horace Mann, 10.
Hobart, 23; Lowell, 23.
Fairmont, 21; Anderson, 21; Mary's, 30.
Silver Creek, 41; Louisville, Ky., Male, 27.
Evansville Central, 42; Evansville Memorial, 31.
Ft. Wayne Central, 25; Huntington, 33.
Columbia City, 37; Berne, 27.
Celina, O., Catholic, 35; Decatur Catholic, 30.

OTHER COLLEGES

Western State, 45; University of Mexico, 37.
Kalamazoo, 43; Olivet, 38.
Olympic Club, 61; St. Mary's, 54.
California, 46; San Francisco, 42.
Washington State, 47; Oregon, 45.
College of Pacific, 44; California Agric., 38.
Lincoln, 36; Pacific U., 33.
San Diego State, 30; San Jose State, 30.
Central Washington, 31; Western Washington, 27.
Wyoming, 44; Denver, 27.
St. M. U., 43; Rice, 36.
Illinois Tech, 35; Elmhurst, 30.
Lebanon Valley, 47; Dickinson, 37.
North Carolina, 41; North Carolina State, 36.
45; Dayton, 35.
Milwaukee Teachers, 62; Oshkosh Teachers, 42.
Beloit, 35; Monmouth, 33.
Weaver, 36; Hiram, 28.
Cincinnati, 31; Ohio University, 43.
Ashland, 45; Capital, 33.
Wittenberg, 31; Ohio Wesleyan, 41.
Murray (Ky.) Teachers, 36; Mississippi Central (Mich.) State, 31; Ferris, 19.
Scranton University, 31; Manhattan, 30.
North Dakota Agric., 33; Moorhead Teachers, 36.
Louisiana State Normal, 65; Centenary, 47.
University of New Hampshire, 45; St. Anselm, 40.
Loyola (New Orleans), 30; Mississippi Southern, 28.

PROFESSIONAL

Indianapolis Kautskys, 45; New York Bears, 42.
Akron Firestone, 45; Hammond (Ind.), 41.

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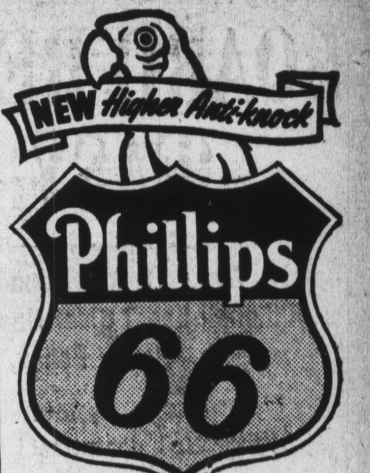
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