



OFF THE BACKBOARD

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NINE-TENTHS of the city's high schools are batting above the .500 mark, and if Washington can get started this town will have a fairly presentable over-all season record.

Park still leads the pack, with Sacred Heart in second place and Cathedral in third. Shortridge's losses to Columbus and Rushville, coming on the heels of that tourney defeat by Tech, have lowered the Blue Devils to fourth place where they are in peril of being overtaken by a Tech team that is refusing to lose.

Technical's ascent is matched only by that of the Irish who have risen from eighth place two weeks ago to third today. Park maintains its place as the city's No. 1 defensive team, having had only 24.13 points scored against it a game, and this week moves to the top among the scoring teams with an average of 35.4 points.

Incidentally, this table is based on scores as they actually went on the scoreboard, so the games Howe had to forfeit are still wins as far as we're concerned. The facts in figures:

	W.	L.	TP	Avg. Pts.	Op. Pts.	Per Game	Av. Diff.	Pts.
Park	7	1	282	196	35.25	24.13	11.12	.875
Sacred Heart	8	4	393	346	32.37	28.33	4.42	.667
Cathedral	9	5	422	315	30.14	29.64	0.5	.643
Shortridge	5	4	400	386	33.85	29.69	4.16	.615
Manual	6	5	327	321	23.72	23.18	0.55	.345
Howe	6	5	293	287	26.44	26.09	0.55	.545
Technical	7	7	442	426	31.57	30.43	1.14	.500
Broad Ripple	5	5	285	304	23.5	30.4	-1.9	.500
Crispus Attucks	4	4	229	211	28.63	28.25	0.50	.000
Washington	0	10	214	343	21.4	34.3	-12.9	.000

choose between New Albany and Jeff this year. New Albany has beaten Louisville Male, which defeated Jeff, but Jeff thumped Seymour's Owls, who in turn thumped N. A. Jeff beat Vincennes, but the Alicans chased New Albany. So figure it out.

Owens reminds us that Coach Charlie McConnell of New Albany holds a record of never putting a losing team on the floor to Jeffersonville during the five years he's been at New Albany and that Mac has some surprises in store for spring tomorrow night.

Easy to Remember

LISTEN TO what Owens has to say about that historic sectional game of two years ago:

"Jeff won 15 in a row that season, the Bulldogs snapping that streak with a 35-28 victory. Jeff proceeded to win all the remaining games, except a 40-28 defeat at the hands of Frankfort, the eventual state champion. But the Bulldogs won the final sectional game, 35-32."

"That 35-32 game is said to be the most thrilling of all New Albany-Jeff games."

The Devils led throughout and with three and a half minutes remaining the score read: 30-25, Jeff.

"Here the Bulldogs rallied. Don Saylor, now an Indiana Centralite, led an attack that put the Bulldogs to within two points of Jeff at 32-30 with one minute remaining.

"Saylor scored on an open crisp shot to tie the score. Ed Denton, now at Indiana, had a chance to give Jeff lead with a free toss but missed. Saylor took the rebound and dribbled the length of the floor and shot one-handed from the corner and hit. Saylor's free throw then put the game on ice.

"They still remember that at Jeff. They're desperate for a sectional championship. We're hoping against it, but it may be Jeff's year."

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