



OFF THE BACKBOARD

By J. E. O'BRIEN

This is the week when the average man glowers across the breakfast table at the little woman because she didn't remind him early to get tickets to the Purdue-Indiana game.

Hezapoppin', Purdue-Indiana and Sonja Henie-tickets are as hard to get hold of as Tom Harmon. In fact, the pasteboards went faster than Mr. H.

Cathedral's Irish go after their 10th victory of the season and their sixth in a row this evening at Noblesville. Since losing to Shortridge, the Shamrocks have beaten Howe, Plainfield, Leo, Broad Ripple, Silver Creek and Broad Ripple.

Coach Joe Harmon probably will send out Ott Hurle, Kenneth Geiman, Al Oberfell, Leo Barnard and Jim O'Neal as his starters.

From the Mailbag

Dear Backboard: I am still squawking about the Manual gym. I think that if mention is given it once in awhile, our city fathers might do something. Manual never will have a team to compare with those of other city schools unless the Redskins schedule stronger competition. And no strong team will play the Redskins on a home-and-home basis, for which they scarcely can be blamed. So let's put the heat on to get rid of that bandbox. MANUAL ROOTER.

I agree, however, that the hottest team wins but the best team is the hottest team since the winner usually plays three games over three days. It seems improbable that a team can be hot for three days and still be inferior to the other city teams.

One of the greatest advantages of the tourney is the sportsmanship that is shown there. If the tourney is abolished, basketball feuds would spring up and have to be abolished.

A MANUAL FAN.

Dear Backboard: As a lifelong pooh-pooh of Indiana University's so-called sports teams, I take great offense at all this foie-de-rol of yours.

about the great "Fireball Five." If Butler had two minutes' good luck, it would have whipped the pants off those bums from Bloomington.

Yours for more discriminations.

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In the Conferences

NORTH CENTRAL

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Anderson	8	1	.889
Frankfort	5	3	.625
New Castle	5	3	.625
Richmond	5	3	.625
Muncie	5	4	.556
Kokomo	5	4	.556
Technical	3	4	.429
Logansport	3	5	.375
Marion	2	6	.250
Lafayette	1	7	.125

SOUTH CENTRAL

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Columbus	6	1	.889
Shelbyville	7	2	.777
Greencastle	3	1	.750
Franklin	5	2	.714
Rushville	3	4	.459
Seymour	2	4	.333
Connersville	2	5	.286
Greensburg	1	6	.143
Washington	0	4	.000

CENTRAL INDIANA

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Burris	5	0	1.000
Elwood	5	1	.833
Peru	5	1	.833
Plymouth	2	1	.667
Tippecanoe	4	2	.500
Huntington	3	2	.600
Warsaw	2	3	.400
Wabash	2	5	.286
Rechester	0	6	.000
Alexandria	0	6	.000

SOUTHERN INDIANA

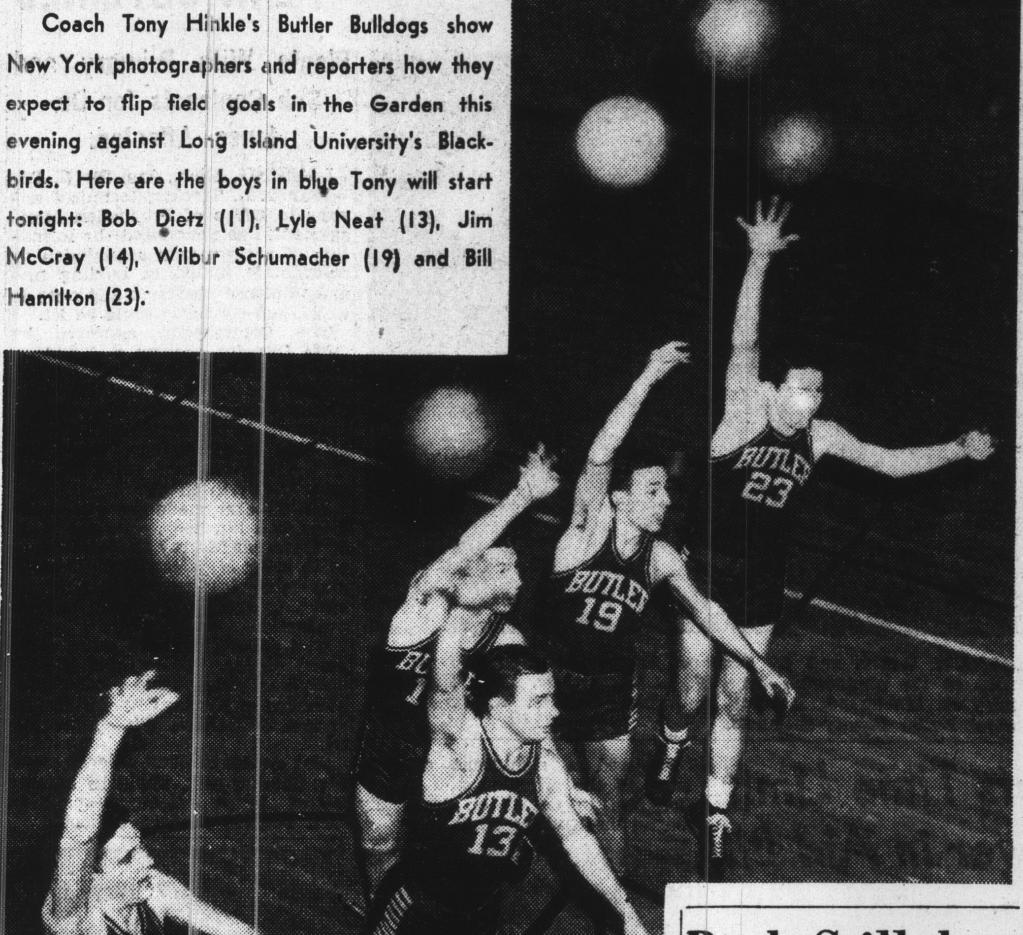
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Vincennes	7	2	.777
Evansville Central	6	2	.750
Bloomington	2	1	.667
Jasper	3	2	.600
Washington	4	3	.571
Evansville Bosse	3	3	.500
Evansville Reitz	2	5	.286
Bicknell	1	3	.250
Princeton	1	4	.200
Sullivan	0	3	.000

Howe Frosh Win

Howe's freshman basketball team scored a 27-9 triumph over the Manual yearlings yesterday.

Butler Waves Bye-Bye to the Blackbirds

Coach Tony Hinkle's Butler Bulldogs show New York photographers and reporters how they expect to flip field goals in the Garden this evening against Long Island University's Blackbirds. Here are the boys in blue. Tony will start tonight: Bob Dietz (11), Lyle Neat (13), Jim McCray (14), Wilbur Schumacher (19) and Bill Hamilton (23).



Bomber Wants to Lose Pound Or Two Before Friday Night

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., Jan. 29 (U. P.)—Joe Louis concludes training today for the 13th defense of his heavyweight title against Red Burman of Baltimore in Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Down to 203 pounds after a strenuous six-mile jog through the snow and four fast sparring rounds against Joe O'Gately and George Nicholson yesterday, Louis plans to shed another pound or two today and drive into New York on Thursday.

Trainer Jack Blackburn laughed at hints that the champion has been softened by the easy life of title-holder, and predicts that Joe will be even sharper than he was for the second Schmeling fight. It is true that his training camp performances have been the most impressive of his career.

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