



# 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.

Helzapoppin', 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 How, Plainfield, Brownsburg, Silver Creek and Broad Ripple.

## 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.

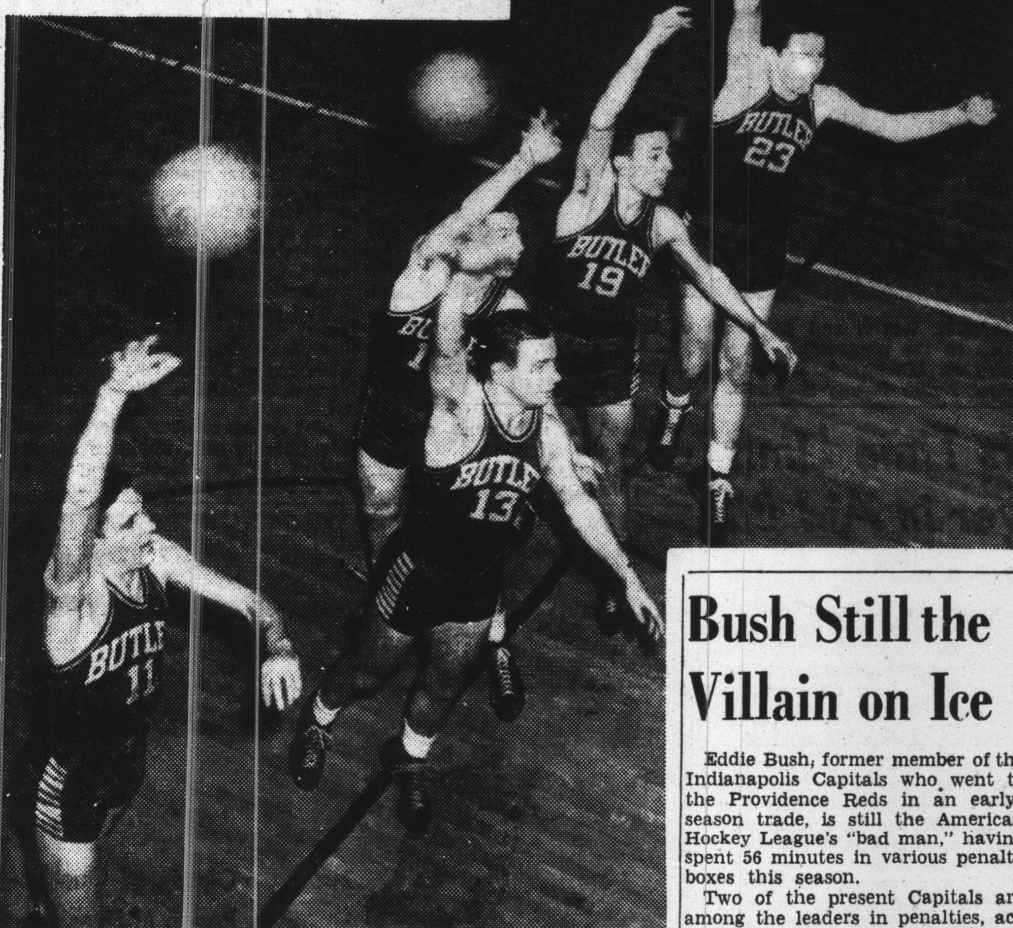
Dear Backboard: I read Gumdrops' letter about the city tournament and I think he is slightly prejudiced because Shortridge never has had a city championship. I suppose that if Shortridge had been victorious, the champ wouldn't be inferior. I agree, however, that the hottest team wins, but the best team 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 fol-de-rol of yours

## 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).



## Bush Still the Villain on Ice

Eddie Bush, former member of the Indianapolis Capitals who went to the Providence Reds in an early-season trade, is still the American Hockey League's "bad man," having spent 56 minutes in various penalty boxes this season.

Two of the present Capitals are among the leaders in penalties, according to statistics released from the league office. Defenseman Buck Jones has been assessed a total of 45 minutes in penalties and Hal Jackson has been off the ice 34 minutes for rough stuff. The penalty statistics in minutes:

Bush, Providence	56
Miller, New Haven	48
McKenzie, Buffalo	48
Alum, Philadelphia	46
Jones, Indianapolis	45
Folch, Philadelphia	42
Robertson, Cleveland	39
Shields, New Haven	38
Shore, Springfield	36
Jackson, Indianapolis	34
Shannon, Buffalo	32
Doran, Buffalo	30
McClure, Philadelphia	30
Les Cunningham, Cleveland	28
Glenn Brydson, The leaders:	
Cunningham, Cleveland	16
Brydson, Springfield	15
Roubel, Pittsburgh	15
Desilets, Cleveland	14
Thurmer, Springfield	12
Kelly, Springfield	12
Denno, Buffalo	11
W. Kilrea, Hershey	10
Patterson, New Haven	10
Lockie, Cleveland	10
Kirk, Hershey	10
Moskowitz, Providence	11
Hunt, Springfield	10
Simmons, Buffalo	10
Mason, Springfield	13
Smith, Philadelphia	13

## 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'Gaty 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 a titleholder, 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.

## SUMMIT, N. J., Jan. 29 (U. P.).

—Clarence (Red) Burman, who has completed boxing drills and all the heavy work for his title battle with Joe Louis, took a light round workout and limbering-up exercise today.

Trainer Eddie Ross said that the red-haired protégé of Jack Dempsey was at "perfect fighting edge" after three rounds of boxing against Johnny Kapovich yesterday, and that he would take things easy the rest of the week. Burman has not decided yet whether he will come to New York tomorrow or spend his last night here and drive to the weigh-in Friday morning.

## Ice Hockey

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
WESTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Cleveland .....	21	8	6	123	91	48
Hershey .....	17	12	5	125	110	36
INDIANAPOLIS ..	12	19	6	94	119	30
Pittsburgh .....	12	20	3	98	114	27
Buffalo .....	9	21	5	88	120	24

EASTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
New Haven	.... 18	13	6	113	97	42
Springfield	.... 18	13	6	107	88	42
Providence	..... 20	14	2	123	109	25

## RESULTS LAST NIGHT

Cleveland, 2; Springfield, 1.  
Providence, 2; New Haven, 1.

## GAMES TONIGHT

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Hershey.

## Bowling

Last night's roll of bowling leaders:

Ray Simmons, Pritchett Recreation	717
Percy Hunt, West Side Classic	696
St. Louis, St. Philip's No. 1	685
Bill Gibbons, Community	685
John Hines, St. Philip's No. 1	677
Ralph Richman, City	677
John Hines, St. Philip's No. 1	659
Phil Biesel, City	659
H. McCullough, Speedway	655
Jeff Alton, City	649
Mitchell, West Side Classic	646
J. Kistner, St. Philip's No. 1	646
John Webb, Kibbe's Club	646
C. Marker, St. Philip's No. 1	643
O. Fancher, Speedway	639
Gib Smith, City	637
Foster, Pritchett Recreation	634
Ed Schott, City	634
George Lohman, City	631
John Kneale, City	631
Ray Miller, City	629
Rickey, Kibbe's Club	627
T. Casserly, St. Philip's No. 1	627
Clarence Boldt, Speedway	626
W. Fayer, West Side Classic	618
R. Hendricks, Commercial	617
Arnold, Parkway No. 2	614
L. Galvin, Speedway	614
Will Beyer, West Side Classic	613
Schaub, Parkway No. 2	609
Justin Forsyth, City	609
St. Louis, Pritchett Recreation	609
Carl Miller, Community	608
Art Johnson, L. A. C. Classic	607
E. Nickel, Hoeser A. C.	607
W. Price, Pritchett Recreation	606
Fred Stuck, Fountain Square Rec.	606
Walt Jacob, Fountain Square Rec.	606
Jess Smythe, City	606
Ray Ford, Fountain Square Rec.	603
Al Menner, L. A. C. Classic	603
Paul Field, City	602
Burrell, Parkway No. 2	602
Wiesner, West Side Classic	601
Grull, City	601
Harold Brewer, L. A. C. Classic	600

## Cooler Risks Record

Harry Cooler, undefeated in four starts, meets Joe Filz this evening in a state three-cushion billiard tournament match at Cooler's parlor. In last night's game, Morris Morris defeated Walter Ramsey, 50-47, in 89 innings, thus snapping Ramsey's five-game winning streak.

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## BASKETBALL

## NEWS & SCORES

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## Hoppe Comes From Sickbed To Break 2 Tourney Marks

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Willie Hoppe, the master billiardist who returned to competition to defend his title after a serious attack of influenza, today engages his second opponent in the world's three-cushion tournament after breaking two contest records in his first appearance.

He took Herb Peterson of St. Louis the jumps last night to defeat the newcomer to the billiards "world series," 50 to 15, in 32 innings. Thus he tied the 1941 tournament record for best game and broke the previous records for time elapsed and low opponent's score. In addition, he scored a high run of nine, close to the tournament record of 11 held by Jake Schaefer Jr. of Chicago.

Hoppe started slowly, scoring only two points in the first nine innings, just matching his opponent. He said he felt weak and the glare of the low-hung lights bothered his eyes. Then he recovered his poise and began scoring while still holding Peterson almost scoreless.

In the 19th inning Hoppe ran nine. The best Peterson could do was one run of three; in the 10th inning. This was Hoppe's 21st consecutive victory in world tournament play and placed him second in the 1941 standings behind three veterans who were tied with seven victories each and no defeats.

Jay Boseman of Vallejo, Cal., joined Otto Reisel, Philadelphia, and Allen Hall of Chicago in the three-way lead when he beat John Fitzpatrick of Los Angeles, 50-35, in 44 innings. Arthur Thurnblad, Kenosha, Wis., defeated Irving Crane, Livonia, N. Y., 50-29, in 58 innings; Joe Moriarty, Chicago, beat Earl Lockabaugh, Chicago, 50-36 in 56 innings, and Paul Lewin of Chicago defeated Clarence Jackson, Detroit, 51-41 in 63 innings.

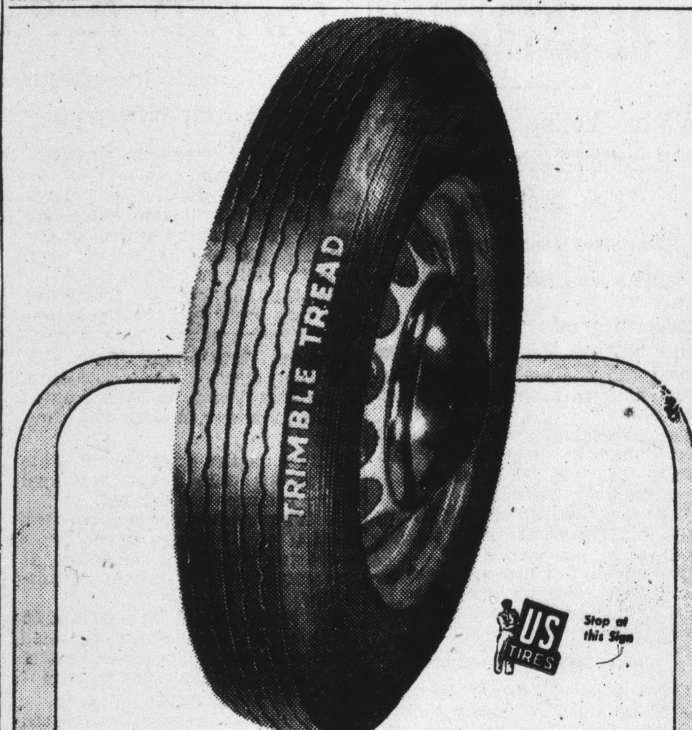
## Sluggo Mize Is A Card Holdout

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29 (U. P.).—Johnny Mize, slugging first baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals who led both leagues in home runs last season, today was a holdout following his rejection of a 1941 contract.

Cardinal officials declined comment on their negotiations with Mize and with Pitcher Clyde Shoun, also reported to have rejected a proffered contract. Mize conferred with Vice President Branch Rickey at the Cardinal offices late yesterday and later with President Sam Breadon. The negotiations lasted several hours and finally broke up without an agreement on salary terms.



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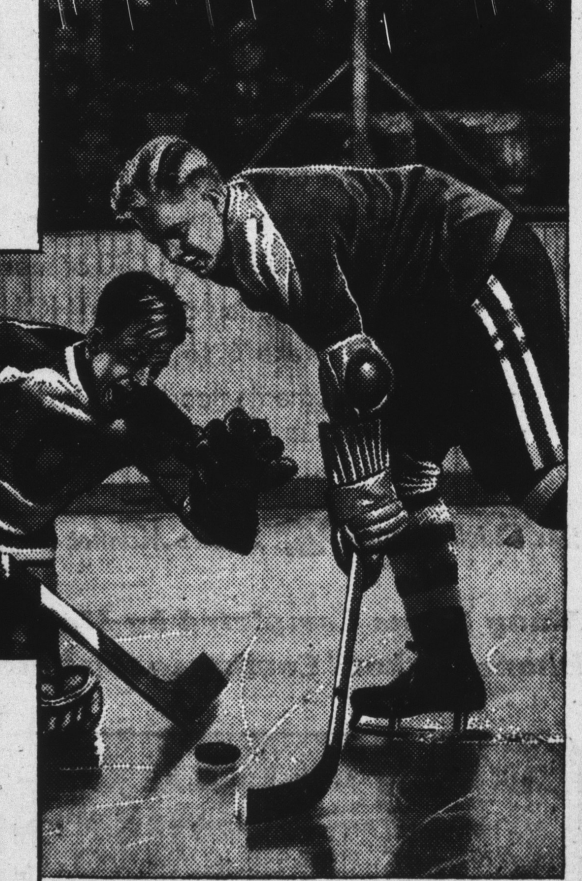
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