

OFF THE BACKBOARD

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DECATUR CENTRAL will go into the Anderson regional as something of a "darkhorse," but that the Hawks are good, well-coached, hard-working basketball players is generally known now inside Indianapolis and Marion County.

They had anything but the "breaks" of the draw in the home-town sectional, having to meet in succession Technical, Manual, Shortridge and finally Ben Davis. If the Hawks had any glaring weakness, surely one of these clubs should have been able to capitalize on it.

Decatur is not an unusually tall team. Shortridge's Bob Paddock out-tipped Bob Lollar of the Hawks, but even with Bryan West to help, the Blue Devils failed to match the winners under the basket. Then there was Ben Davis, whose Howard Record and Bob Seeman had enjoyed considerable success by virtue of their height. They were equally ineffective when they sought to use this altitude in rebound competition.

Scoring balance is another asset of this Decatur team. Bill Butler was the tournament's high scorer with 52 points in four games, yet his teammates can flip accurately. There's not a man in the starting five who can be permitted to have a crack at the basket.

Now about defense. The best proof of the Hawks' defense was the first quarter of their game with Ben Davis, when Decatur tallied 11 points to the Giants' none. Brother, that's being stingy.

We hadn't seen Decatur play since they knocked over Ben Davis in the opening round of the county tournament. That was in mid-January and we thought the club needed a goal or two of polish to become a real sectional contender. That polish was acquired, needless to say.

BOB LOLLAR's father, who should be as close to the Decatur team as anybody, told us that the Hawks have more power stored than they showed against Ben Davis. "The only time they really opened up was in the first period," he said. He's confident they are as strong as any club in the Anderson affair next Saturday.

Our All-Sectional

FORWARDS

Bill Butler.....Decatur Central
Gerald Young.....New Augusta
Jesse Moore.....Ben Davis

CENTERS

Bob Lollar.....Decatur Central
Bob Paddock.....Shortridge
Max Shanklin.....Decatur Central
Harvey Phillips.....Speedway
Junior Perkins.....Warren Central

GUARDS

Everybody's Happy

Among the joys to offset the heartbreaks of Hoosier basketball is that of winning a first tournament. It was hard to tell who was the happiest Saturday night when Russell Julius fired his six-shooter—the

And These Will Come to 16

The Hoosier State's 64 high school sectional basketball champions, divided into groups of four, will renew firing in 16 regional tournaments next Saturday, March 8.

Two afternoon games will be played—at 1:30 and 2:30—each center with the winners clashing at 8 p. m. for the right to continue tournament competition at four semi-final meets on March 15.

Saturday's regional schedules follow:

ANDERSON

Maxwell vs. Anderson.
Pittsboro vs. Decatur Central.

ATTICA

Dana vs. Crawfordsville.
Pine Village vs. Greencastle.

EVANSVILLE

Ft. Branch vs. Tell City.
Lynnville vs. Bosse (Evansville).

FT. WAYNE

Piercetown vs. Avilla.
North Side vs. Auburn.

GARY

Rolling Prairie vs. Rensselaer.
Proebel vs. Edison (East Gary).

GREENSBURG

Greenwood vs. Shelbyville.
St. Paul vs. Madison.

HUNTINGTON

Huntington vs. Oslan.
Decatur vs. Portland.

LAFAYETTE

Jackson Township vs. Freeland Park.
Lebanon vs. Lafayette.

LOGANSPORT

Logansport vs. Peru.
Delphi vs. Brookston.

MARION

Marion vs. Tipton.
Somerset vs. Kokomo.

MUNCIE

Richmond vs. New Castle.
Burrus (Muncie) vs. Parker.

NEW ALBANY

Salem vs. Bedford.
Seymour vs. Jeffersonville.

RUSHVILLE

Rushville vs. Connersville.
Batesville vs. Aurora.

SOUTH BEND

Rochester vs. Central (South Bend).
Plymouth vs. New Paris.

TERRE HAUTE

Jacksonville vs. Germersheim (Terre Haute).
Bloomington vs. Gosport.

WASHINGTON

Washington vs. Shelbyville.
Winslow vs. Freelandville.

Sectional Finals

Decatur Central, 35; Ben Davis, 20.
Anderson, 30; Pendleton, 20.

Attica, 34; Versailles, 31.
Aurora, 30; Dillsboro, 27.

Batesville, 34; Versailles, 31.
Bedford, 46; Mitchell, 38.

Bloomington, 34; Lyons, 32.
Bluffton, 30; Chester, 23.

Brownsville, 30; Millersburg, 24.
Brazil, 37; Spencer, 35 (overtime).

Brownstown, 37; Spencer, 35 (overtime).
Seymour, 41; Cortland, 21.

Cannelton, 15.
Dana, 33; Cayuga, 32.

Connersville, 41; Brookville, 31.
Crawfordsville, 32; Dartington, 24.

Danville, 30; Danville, 22.
Decatur, 34; Pleasant Mills, 33.

Evansville, 39; Mt. Vernon, 22.
Florida, 31.

Freeland Park, 41; Fowler, 32.
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ON THE RADIO

TONIGHT
7:00—Telephone Hour, WIRE.
7:30—Gay Nineties Revue, WFBM.

7:30—Voice of Firestone, WIRE.
8:00—Lux Theater, WFBM.

8:00—Dr. I. Q. WIRE.
9:00—Guy Lombardo, WFBM.

9:30—Blondie, WFBM.
9:30—Burns and Allen, WIRE.

The last song written by Stephen Foster, "Beautiful Dreamer," is to be among Richard Crooks' vocal selections on the Voice of Firestone program tonight, 7:30. Mr. Crooks also will be heard in Donizetti's "Una Furtiva Lagrima," "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and the Creole song, "Ay, Ay, Ay."

Movie star Kay Francis will appear in one of her film successes when she plays the lead in a radio version of "My Bill" on tonight's Radio Theater, WFBM at 8 o'clock.

"My Bill" originally was adapted from the play, "Courage" written by Tom Barry. It tells the story of a courageous mother and her brood of four with a theme of love and poverty vs. luxury.

Miss Francis scored a success a year ago on the Radio Theater when she appeared with George Brent in "The Rains Came."

The United Press reports the German Radio has announced it will broadcast a special program March 13—Purim, a Jewish holiday—in response to a request for such a program received from a "Robert Jacobs, of New York."

The announcer did not specify what would be in the program. He added that the German Propaganda Service also will broadcast a special program for the Irish in America but did not announce the date.

He revealed that the Jacobs message was among radiograms recently sent by Americans at the request of German Radio for suggestions on what they would like to hear on German short wave programs.

Ann Thomas, heard as the irritable secretary on the Easy Aces program, though only 23, has appeared in 35 plays on Broadway. . . . Harry Salter's Song of Your Life program has inspired a new parlor game. Players compete for an award which goes to the one who can tell the most interesting story behind a song. . . . Charita Bauer, 16-year-old star of Orphans of Divorce, is scheduled for a part in a Broadway play opening this month. Name of the play is "Your Loving Son." . . . Ben Bernie was overheard explaining love to Carol Bruce during a 9 p. m. Chief Justice Charles Evans

THIS EVENING
(The Indianapolis Times is not responsible for inaccuracies in program announcement caused by station changes after press time.)

INDIANAPOLIS (CBS Net.)
4:00 Music in Air
4:15 Woman's Club
4:30 Your Information
4:45 Scatman

4:50 Waltz Time
5:15 Heads Hopper
5:30 Short Story
5:45 Modern Music

6:00 These We Love
6:15 Those We Love
6:30 Short Story
6:45 Gay Nineties

6:50 Radio Theater
7:15 Guy Lombardo
7:30 Blondie
7:45 Kay Francis

8:00 Gilbert Forbes
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