

# Big Ten Begins Race For Basketball Fame, Glory And Crown



## SPORTS... By Eddie Ash

OREGON STATE gridders took that long train ride in stride and mowed 'em down. . . . Got to give Coach Lon Stiner a world of credit. . . . He kept telling the experts they were underrating his Beavers but they turned thumbs down. . . . The transplanted Rose Bowl game put overrated Duke in the Woe Bowl.

Well, it was a thriller, at any rate, and Oregon may well be proud of its gallant footballers. . . . And Duke fought a courageous battle in losing.

This department had three hits and two misses in the Bowl pick 'em league. . . . Co-expert Red Grange hit two and muffed three. . . . Three Texas teams found the Bowl business too tough. . . . Texas Aggies, Texas Christian and Texas Tech wound up on the short end.

The Fordham Ram and Missouri Mule went around and around in the mud. . . . There was a 3-2 game played in that Sugar Bowl some years back. . . . And we guess Fordham was happy to settle for 2-0. . . . Remember when Iowa beat Purdue, 4-0?

That transplanted Georgia Cracker, Frankie Sinkwich, dehorned the Horned Frogs down Miami way. . . . The Yankee, disguised as a Rebel, was "super." . . . Alabama's Crimson Tide and Texas A. & M. entertained Cotton Bowl fans with an eye-popping contest that was a stunner right up to the finish. . . . and in the Sun Bowl at El Paso Tulsa edged Texas Tech in the final period.

THIS DEPARTMENT'S winners were Fordham, Alabama and Tulsa. . . . Expert Grange's winners were Georgia and Tulsa. . . . Perhaps there are some persons in this land who picked 'em for a grand slam but you won't find said persons among the experts and their kisses of death.

Oregon State had more on the ball than the sharpshooters realized. . . . And it was a popular victory, generally speaking, and places Lon Stiner among the "name" coaches.

### We're Stringing With Purdue and Indiana

THEY START FIRING "for keeps" on the Big Ten basketball front tomorrow night and both Hoosier quintets are down for action. . . . All members of the circuit play on opening night and there will be four games on Monday. . . . This department's selections, but with not too much courage:

Tomorrow—Purdue over Chicago, Indiana over Northwestern, Wisconsin over Illinois, Michigan over Iowa, Ohio State over Minnesota.

Monday—Purdue over Michigan, Indiana over Wisconsin, Northwestern over Minnesota, Iowa over Chicago.

We'll settle for five out of the nine, gladly. . . . That Indiana at Northwestern game tomorrow stacks up as a thriller. . . . It's being picked both ways with many dopesters figuring Otto Graham as the man the Hoosiers must stop to win. . . . He's a basketball firecracker hot off the gridiron.

And Northwestern appears to have one of its strongest squads in years.

### Hockey Caps Gun for Hershey's Scalp

INDIANAPOLIS ice hockey fans are coming up to a rare treat Sunday night out at the Coliseum rink. . . . League-leading Hershey invades and the Caps are girded for the issue.

There's a lot of heat in the American League's western division as Hershey, Indianapolis and Cleveland spar for points. . . . It had to happen, of course. . . . While the local Caps were idle last night both Hershey and Cleveland won.

Evidently Hershey caught Pittsburgh with a hangover, scoring an 8-0 triumph. . . . and five of the goals in the third period! . . . Hershey is first in the league to account for 100 or more goals. . . . Go get 'em, Caps!

## Army Watches West's Skiers

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2. — The Pacific Northwest looked forward today to its biggest skiing season with the United States Army as its most interested spectator.

When the Army wanted ski troops, it called for volunteers to be trained in the Mt. Rainier area. There were more volunteers than could be handled at the time, most of them men who had skied Rainier's slopes on less serious missions.

Announcement that Torger Tjokle, holder of the American jumping record of 288 feet, would return to the title hill at Snoqualmie, Wash., for another try, points to a record season of competition.

The New York Norway Ski Club representative, short on form but long on leap, entered the Seattle Ski Club's Open tourney Jan. 25 to have another go at Hotmark Hill, biggest active hill in the world.

On a slope designed for a maximum leap of 285 feet, with 305 feet the absolute top, Tjokle is coming back to better a mark already within 17 feet of the man-killing flat at the bottom.

Tjokle's regard for the hill was accepted here as another indication of the westward migration of the skiing sport, nurtured in New England's hills, but rapidly moving in to the country where the hills are high and the snow deep.

The Northwest already has staged the world's first major tournament of the season—the Arnold Lunn

### Net Scores

**MUNCIE TOURNAMENT**  
Muncie Burris, 25; Tipton, 23.  
Fl. Wayne N. Side, 40; Elwood, 27.  
Muncie Central, 21; Frankfort, 20.  
Fl. Wayne Central, 45; Alexandria, 23.  
**Semi-Finals**  
Muncie Burris, 25; Fl. Wayne N. Side, 26.  
Fl. Wayne Central, 30; Muncie Central, 23.  
**Finals**  
Muncie Burris, 62; Fl. Wayne Central, 28.  
**WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT**  
Washington, 34; Vincennes, 26.  
Huntingburg, 25; Jasper, 27.  
**Finals**  
Washington, 34; Huntingburg, 27.  
**Consolation**  
Vincennes, 22; Jasper, 27.  
**ANDERSON TOURNAMENT**  
Logansport, 34; New Castle, 29.  
Anderson, 40; Kokomo, 27.  
**Finals**  
Logansport, 38; Anderson, 29.  
**Consolation**  
New Castle, 45; Kokomo, 25.  
**MADISON TOURNAMENT**  
Madison, 45; Lawrenceburg, 30.  
North Vernon, 37; Aurora, 26.  
**Final**  
Madison, 51; North Vernon, 18.  
**WARREN CENTRAL TOURNAMENT**  
Franklin Twp., 41; Noblesville, 28.  
Franklin Twp., 38; Central of Lawrence, 25.  
**Consolation**  
Warren Central, 37; Noblesville, 25.  
**FRANKFORD TOURNAMENT**  
Frankford, 30; Ellettsville, 27.  
Franklin, 34; Summitville, 20.  
**Consolation**  
Summitville, 35; McCordsville, 25.  
**Final**  
Frankford, 34; Ellettsville, 29.

### Grid Scores

Oregon State, 20; Duke, 16.  
Georgia, 40; Texas Christian, 26.  
Alabama, 29; Texas A&M, 21.  
Fordham, 2; Missouri, 6.  
Tulsa, 6; Texas Tech, 6.  
Johnston C. Smith University, 13; Lane College, 6.  
Louisiana College, 10; University of Mexico, 6.

## Only Gophers Unbeaten in Pre-Loop Play

Indiana to Face Two Tough Teams

### TOMORROW NIGHT

Chicago at Purdue.  
Indiana at Northwestern.  
Illinois at Wisconsin.  
Iowa at Michigan.  
Minnesota at Ohio State.

### MONDAY NIGHT

Wisconsin at Indiana.  
Michigan at Purdue.  
Iowa at Chicago.  
Minnesota at Northwestern.

By BOB FLEETWOOD

The Big Ten basketball race starts tomorrow night with Wisconsin defending and all but hapless Chicago threatening.

Efforts at predictions lead one into a criss-cross and tangle of comparative scores and results which mean exactly nothing. The only conclusion is, that if the Great Lakes Naval Training School and Chautau Field were in the Conference the nod would go to them.

Minnesota is unbeaten while only the All-America ball of the Middies and Chautau Field mar the records of Indiana, Purdue and Illinois. Northwestern has lost to Notre Dame and Dartmouth beat Wisconsin.

Ohio State actually defeated the greats of Great Lakes but a western tour to the Pacific Coast was disastrous.

Iowa and Michigan have size although they have yet to score a major victory and Chicago is Chicago again with only one triumph in five starts.

The drawings for the first weekend gave Purdue the breaks and Indiana the bumps. The Bollermakers entertain Chicago tomorrow night and Michigan Monday night. But Indiana bounced right into two toughies.

Northwestern, sparked by goal-getting Otto Graham, is first and then comes the defending champions, Wisconsin, starring Johnny Kotz's dribble and shoot circus.

### Illini Rangy

A rangy Illinois squad that lists Notre Dame, Marquette and Butler among its five victims, gets the first crack at the Badgers. Chautau Field could only beat the Illini by two points. This should be the game of the opening night.

The Hawkeys and Wolverines tangle on an equal footing. Both are tall and both are struggling to find themselves. Big Jim Mandler on the pivot for Michigan and Tom Chapman of Iowa should provide the scoring problems.

Ohio State has returned from Far West basketball with its face aflame. But you cannot discount their victories over the Middies and always good Kentucky. Minnesota with an average of 50.4 points in six games on offense and a remarkable defensive average of 29 is the Conference dark horse.

Chicago will find a one-handed band of Bollermakers who run and throw as in the old days. Frosty Sprol's uncanny loopers would be trouble enough but the throwers are three deep in all positions.

### Again: 'Watch Graham'

Once again the battery at Indiana University is "Stop Graham." Six weeks ago when the Hoosier football eleven was preparing for the Wildcats, all minds were on this handsome lad.

Now comes basketball and the word has come down that the Wauekan Wonder plays basketball better than he does football. The sophomore star, like Wisconsin's Kotz, and Purdue's Sprol, seems to have a directional finder on the basket.

The Hoosiers were runners-up last season and have paraded through all but the Middies without a waver so far this season.

Capt. Andy Zimmer, along with a raft of sophomores and ball-handlers Swanson and Logan, have been terrific.

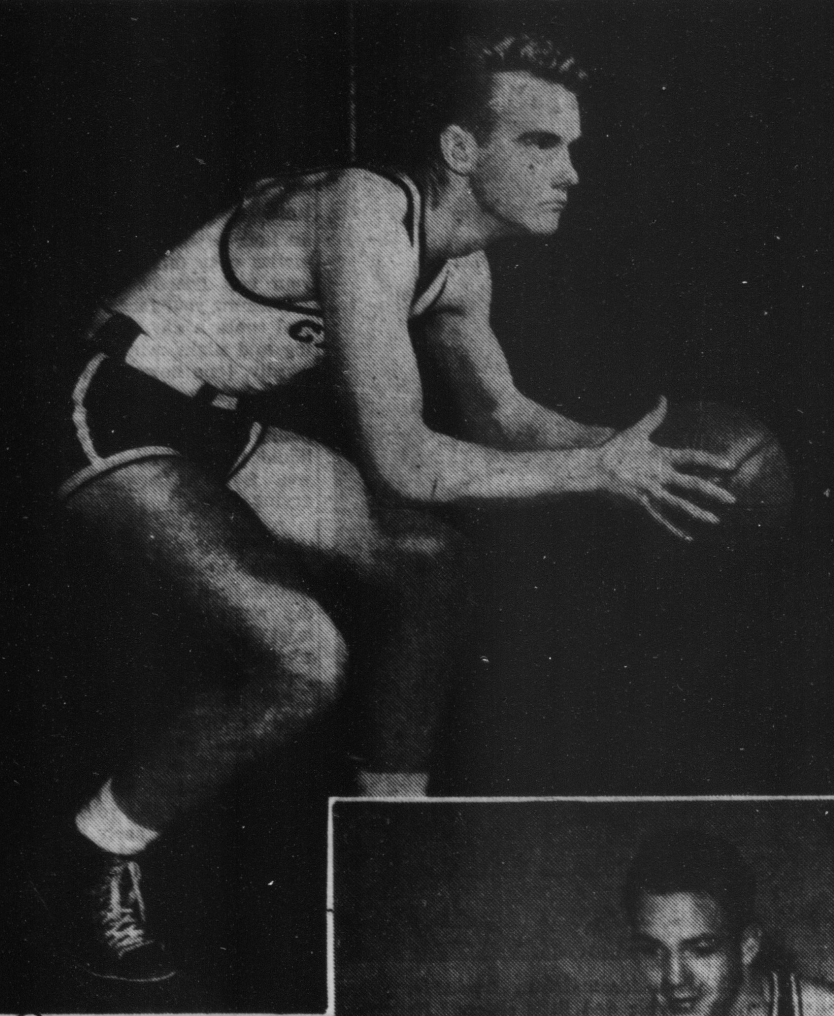
## Franklin Wins Warren Tourney

Warren Central failed to win its own blind tourney yesterday, but did take the consolation prize by beating Noblesville, 37 to 28.

Central of Lawrence won through to play the final game in the four-team tourney with Franklin Township, but then fell to the Franklin sharpshooters, 38 to 33.

Franklin had eliminated Noblesville, 44 to 20, in the other afternoon game. The tournament was held at Warren Central's gym and a trophy was awarded by the host school.

The games were featured by battles between four big pivot men, Carl Limbach of Warren Central, Bob Windhorst of Franklin, Bob Negley of Lawrence and Arnold of Noblesville.



### The Big Ten

MINNESOTA (Won 5; Lost 0)

55 Mulkkin ..... 19  
41 N. Dakota ..... 32  
56 S. Dakota ..... 35  
44 Creighton ..... 30  
56 Nebraska ..... 32

252 ..... 148  
Average points for, 50.4—  
Against, 29.

WISCONSIN (Won 4; Lost 1)

56 Carroll ..... 35  
35 Marquette ..... 34  
43 Notre Dame ..... 35  
36 Marquette ..... 25  
49 Dartmouth ..... 57

219 ..... 186  
Average points for, 43.8—  
Against, 37.2.

NORTHWESTERN (Won 3; Lost 1)

61 Western Michigan ..... 39  
46 Butler ..... 40  
44 Pittsburgh ..... 32  
36 Notre Dame ..... 40

187 ..... 151  
Average points for, 46.7—  
Against, 37.7.

OHIO STATE (Won 2; Lost 3)

38 Great Lakes ..... 32  
43 Kentucky ..... 41  
34 Creighton ..... 60  
45 Stanford ..... 60  
38 California ..... 50

198 ..... 253  
Average points for, 39.6—  
Against, 50.6.

PURDUE (Won 5; Lost 1)

41 Wabash ..... 29  
30 DePaul ..... 26  
32 U. C. L. A. ..... 27  
59 Great Lakes ..... 54  
50 Butler ..... 34  
55 Texas A. & M. ..... 31

253 ..... 201  
Average points for, 72.1—  
Against, 33.5.

IOWA (Won 2; Lost 2)

52 Wash. University ..... 31  
53 Butler ..... 41  
49 Western Michigan ..... 48  
34 Nebraska ..... 48

170 ..... 161  
Average points for, 42.5—  
Against, 40.2.

MICHIGAN (Won 1; Lost 3)

37 Michigan State ..... 20  
40 Notre Dame ..... 46  
37 Butler ..... 45  
42 Marquette ..... 49

156 ..... 160  
Average points for, 39—  
Against, 40.

INDIANA (Won 5; Lost 1)

36 Wabash ..... 27  
36 Great Lakes ..... 41  
56 Nebraska ..... 39  
47 U. C. L. A. ..... 23  
50 Pittsburgh ..... 41  
52 George Washington ..... 43

277 ..... 214  
Average points for, 46.1—  
Against, 35.7.

ILLINOIS (Won 5; Lost 1)

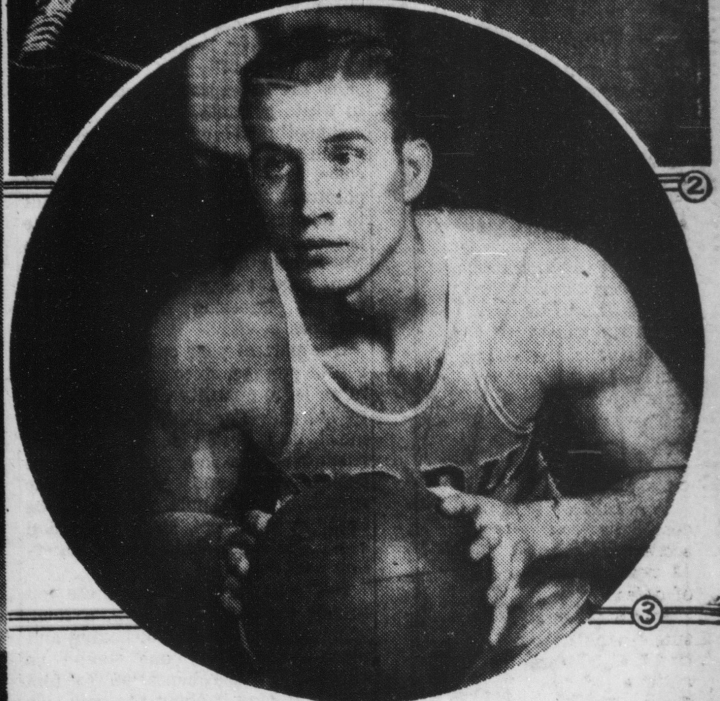
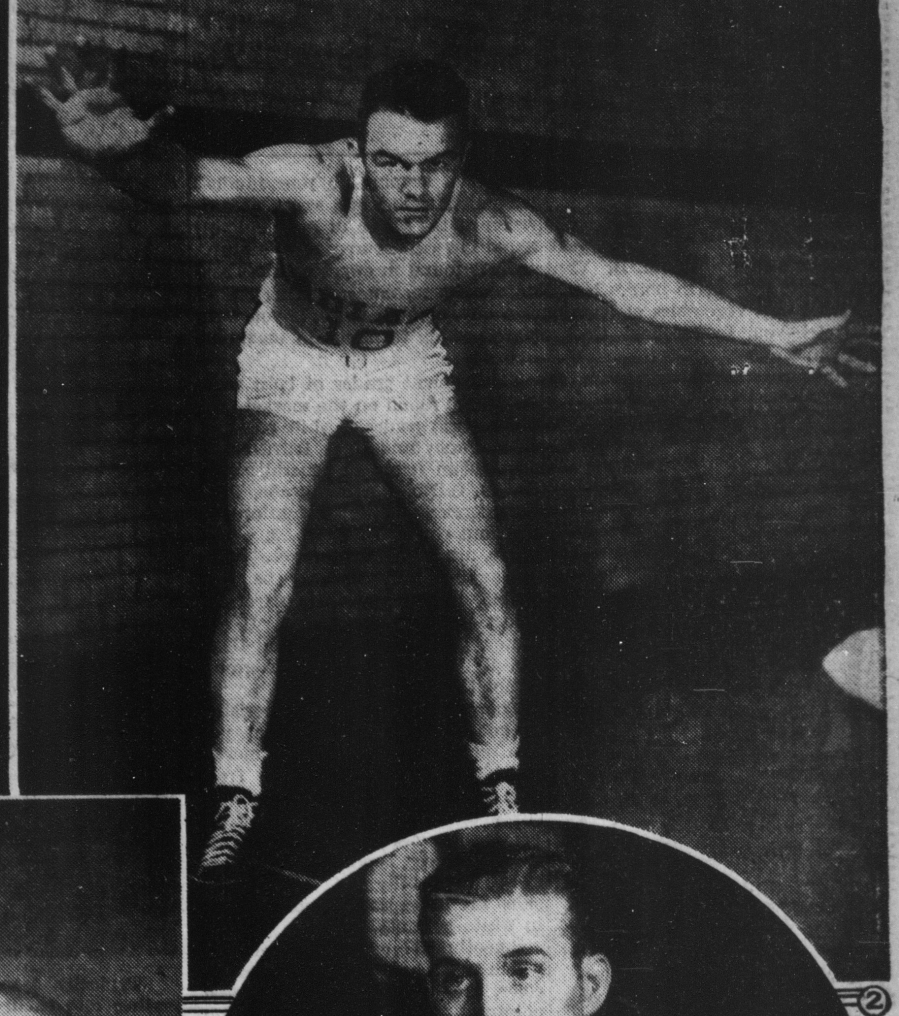
45 Marquette ..... 43  
36 Chautau Field ..... 40  
52 Butler ..... 50  
49 Detroit ..... 34  
48 Notre Dame ..... 29  
39 Harvard ..... 33

269 ..... 239  
Average points for, 44.3—  
Against, 39.8.

CHICAGO (Won 1; Lost 4)

43 Illinois Tech ..... 29  
31 Loyola ..... 48  
35 DePaul ..... 43  
41 Western Michigan ..... 44  
24 Marquette ..... 40

174 ..... 204  
Average points for, 34.9—  
Against, 49.8.



Hoosier basketball teams see action at home and away tomorrow night. Purdue is host to a University of Chicago team that has won one and lost four games this season, and I. U. travels to Northwestern. Among outstanding players on the squads are (1) Edgar Nelson, Chicago forward; (2) Dick Whittenbraker, I. U. guard; (3) Forrest "Frosty" Sprol, Bollermaker forward, and (4) Russ Wendland, N. U. guard.

## La. May Keep Shrine Game

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2 (U. P.). —The Shrine's All-Star East-West football game may be played here in 1943 if war conditions prevent resumption at San Francisco, Henry F. Boyan, potentate of the San Francisco Shrine, said today.

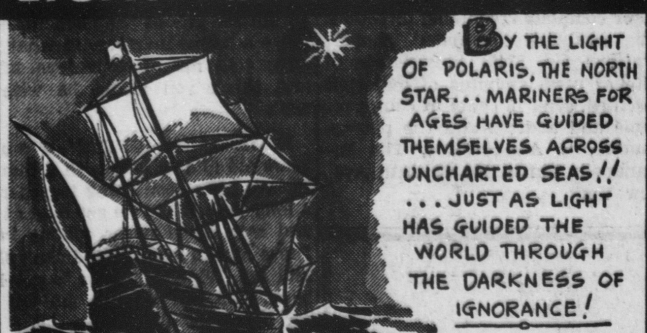
The post-season classic, shifted to New Orleans in the same manner that sent the Rose Bowl to the other side of the nation, will be played here tomorrow in Tulane University's huge Sugar Bowl stadium.

The change of the East-West 17th annual game caused a division in the proceeds, which will be split between the Shrine's Hospitals for Crippled Children in Shreveport and San Francisco. In past years, all proceeds went to the Pacific Coast institution.

There was little activity today for both teams. They saw the Sugar Bowl game yesterday. The East-erners came here from their Biloxi, Miss., training camp. The West squad returned to Louisiana State University for last minute warm-ups today.

Coach Andy Kerr said the East team was in "as good shape as any East team has been at this stage of practice." The West was ready, too.

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