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# Big 4 Net Classic Resumes Tonight

3 Top Pros  
Favored in  
\$10,000 Open

Ritter and O'Brien Lead IU, Butler  
To Triumphs Over Notre Dame, Purdue

By BOB STRANAHAN

This may be the day of tall boys in basketball, but it is a very safe bet that the eyes of most of the customers will be trained on a couple of little fellows tonight in the windup of the Big Four Classic at the Fieldhouse.

Butler meets Indiana in the opener at 7:45 p. m. and Purdue tangles with Notre Dame in the nightcap at 9:30.

Most of the 13,500 fans who attended last night and saw the "little guys" of Butler and Indiana lead their teams to victory will be watching to see how they fare against one another tonight.

Play little Buckshot O'Brien sniped 18 points for Coach Tony Hinkle's team in its 52-50 conquest of Purdue last night. Then it was another half-point package of basketball dynamite that had a lot to do with blasting Notre Dame into submission for Indiana, 72-46.

Ritter Gets 27  
Don Ritter threw in 27 points for Coach Branch McCracken's Hustlin' Hoosiers in this rout of the Irish.

They'll probably be attending one another tonight, and it should indeed be something to watch.

All teams showed the effects of the holiday layoff last night, but of the four Notre Dame seemed to have suffered the most. The Irish appeared downright sluggish at times and were in sad shooting form.

Coach Moose Krause's charges never could seem to quite get their defense co-ordinated against the fast-breaking Hoosiers, who ripped through for far too many setup shots to give Notre Dame any chance to win.

In the opener, Butler assumed an early mastery and then the Blueclads had to fight tooth and toenail at the finish to stave off a tiringly tall run on the part of McTigue's willowy Riveters.

Bulldogs Go Ahead  
Charley Maas sent the Bulldogs into a 5-3 leadership after nearly six minutes of tight and cautious play, and Butler had increased this margin to 11-4 midway in the first half.

Purdue spurred back to within a point of the Bulldogs at 13-12 and play remained close until Hinkle jugged his lineup a bit to insert Bob Evans and Bill Shepherd. These two players led a Butler uprising which sent their team into a nifty 10-point edge at 24-14 with less than four minutes of the first half remaining.

Before the first half was over Ritter had led the Hoosiers into a 37-29 bulge. They got 10 more in the first four minutes of the last half while the Irish picked up only two free throws.

Williams Fouls Out  
The count was 47-31 when Ward Williams, stellar rebounder of the Indiana team, was whistled out on five personals.

Jim Stevenson and John Foley paced a brief Notre Dame rally and Jim O'Halloran chimed in a bit later to keep the Irish within halving distance at 50 points, 52-48, with 10 minutes of the game left.

Bob Lollar was the key man in a late rally which saw Indiana score 20 points while limping the last two quarters to a 72-62 final.

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. 2—Indiana State was the lone Hoosier quintet still in the running for the fourth annual Midwest College Basketball Tournament championship today.

The Sycamores, along with Eastern Illinois State, Northwest Missouri Teachers and Southeast Oklahoma, are idle today awaiting semi-final and final rounds tomorrow. Anderson College was eliminated last night by Southern Missouri State, 65 to 43, and Evansville ousted Canterbury, 43 to 36.

Postpone Championships  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP)—The United States Soccer Football Association has agreed to a proposal to postpone the next world soccer championship from 1949 to 1950, with the event scheduled to take place in Brazil.

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In other games Northeast Missouri took an overtime thriller from Murray State, 49 to 46; Indiana State outclassed Georgetown of Kentucky, 56 to 43, and Southeast Oklahoma eliminated Cedarville, 56 to 41.

Tomorrow afternoon's semi-final round matches Indiana State and Southeast Oklahoma in the first game and Northeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois in the second contest. Winners and losers will clash at night for the championship and consolation titles.

Purple Aces Grab Vincennes Title  
EVANSTON, Ill. 2—Vincennes College held the Vincennes holiday basketball tournament championship today after handing Southern Illinois its first defeat in nine games last night, 62 to 60.

Southern Illinois, which had beaten Evansville in a regular season game, held a 54-46 lead over the Purple Aces. They were the two leading scorers, Bob Colburn and Joe Hughes, fouled out and Evansville rushed to tie the score at 54-all.

The lead changed three times before Evansville's Bob Barnett hit a field goal and a free throw in the final half-minute.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2 (UP)—One hundred and 35 of the nation's top golfers tee off on the tough Riviera Country Club course today to open the winter circuit with the 2nd renewal of Los Angeles' \$10,000 open.

And to two of the field—Little Ben Hogan and aging Mac Smith—it represents more than just a chance at the \$2000 first-prize money somebody will collect at the end of 72 holes Monday.

Hogan, who already has won the tournament twice, has a chance to win his third Los Angeles Open crown. Smith, the only man ever to win the event twice in a row—1927 and 1928—has a chance to rack up his fifth win.

Smith has participated in every one of the 21 previous Los Angeles opens, and victory this year would lift him into a very select group of golfers—those who have won five times in a single tourney.

Hogan first took the crown in 1942, then repeated last year with \$200. Only one other man, Harry Cooper, has won the title more than once, and he is not participating this year.

Hogan, along with South African Bobby Locke and 1947's leading money winner, Jimmy Demaret, is favored in the 1948 event, but followers have given a wide assortment of the world's top pro golfers and a pair of amateurs—Frank Stanahan and Bud Ward—an excellent chance.

Little chance is given of equaling the tourney record of 273 set by Jimmy Thomson over the Grimk Park course in 1938.

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St. Lawrence Wins

College Ski Meet

LAKE PLACID, N. Y. Jan. 2 (UP)—

St. Lawrence University today

held the championship of the 27th

annual Lake Placid college ski

meet.

Robert R. Wright, a St. Lawrence

University student from Glen Ridge,

N. J., won the Skimeister Trophy

for the second consecutive year.

Race Tracks Donate

\$20,000 to Hospital

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP)—Three

New York Racing Associations—Em

pire City, Aqueduct and Jamaica

presented gifts totaling \$20,000

to the United Hospital Fund at the

Jockey Club yesterday.

Belmont Park donated a \$10,000

gift earlier in the campaign to meet

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ber voluntary hospitals.

Attempts Comeback

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP)—

Stocky Rudy Simms, former Na

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