

Work Isn't Only Daily Activity In Indianapolis Industry

Good Sports Available To Athletically Inclined Worker at Allison Plant

Employees Find Fun With Everything From Horseshoe Pitching to Softball

By BILL PITTMAN

You don't have to be an athlete to work at Allisons. However, if you are athletically inclined there is plenty of opportunity to display your talent in the company's gigantic sports program.

Allison has had a definite athletic program since 1942. Before that time employee's "extra-curricular" activity was purely catch as catch can.

Now the plant sponsors a program, big enough to shade some colleges. All activity is directed by Dave Bunker, editor of the Allison News, plant paper.

Bowling Interest

Bowling, being the greatest participant sport, gets the most attention with four leagues sponsored by the company. Three other leagues composed of Allison employees are also in operation but are un-sponsored by Allison. Interest in bowling is so great among the Allisonites that a 12-team league, the Allison Owls, operates on the Dezelan alleys after 1:30 a. m. Harry Jordan is president of that league.

Other bowling leagues are, Plant 10, headed by John Lockwood; Commercial Products, led by Bob Sweeny, and the Plant 2 loop, under Bill Betzill.

Hooper Heads Jets

Of major interest to most of the plant personnel are the fortunes of the Allison Jets, company-sponsored basketball team, managed by Gene Hooper. The Jets, who won the Big Six League title last year with 36 wins in 48 starts, got off to a good start again this season when they came from behind to win, 50 to 48, against Eagles Lodge. Captain of the team is Wendell Baker, who was also floor leader last year.

Besides the "big" team the company sponsors a 12-team intra-plant loop, representing 11 different divisions, including General Motors Institute students here for on-the-job training.

Bowling and basketball make up the bulk of the winter recreational activity, but in the summer the athletes really flourish. Two golf leagues, two-man and four-man teams, a softball loop,

and a tennis loop.

Attucks Coach Drives Hard, but Gets Results.



Alonso Watford, football coach and athletic director of Crispus Attucks High School, dreams up a new series of plays to use for next season, proving a coach's worries are never over.

Watford, Former All-Star Football Ace, Keeps School's Rating High

Crispus Attucks High School's athletic star has been in ascendancy for the last several years, but not without pushing from a wiry little man with a whiplash in his voice and a twinkle in his eyes.

Alonso J. Watford has been guiding the football fortunes of Attucks since 1933, and just two years ago took over the guidance of the overall athletic program as the school's first athletic director.

Watford himself knows what this football business is all about. He was an all-state selection at end for Jeff of Lafayette, and while at Butler he made all Indiana College Conference full-back for three years.

He was graduated from Butler in 1930 and for the next three years worked as custodian in the state house while completing a masters degree. In 1933 he became head football coach at Attucks and climaxed his work with a 7 to 7 tie against Howe this past season.

Health Teacher, Too

Watford doubles as a health and physical education instructor as well as carrying the load of athletic director. At one time, every student in the school passed through Watford's class. He was

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Allison division of General Motors has as well rounded a sports program as many small colleges. Illustrating this are (upper left) M. D. Saubraugh, B. Poynter, H. D. Williams and Chester Yovanovich, four entrants in the annual Allison golf tourney. (Upper right) Coach Gene Hooper tells Capt. George Meple how

the Allison team should play the field in one of the games during the amateur baseball season. (Lower left) A group of Allison secretaries check their bowling scores and Bob Highland's addition. Left to right are Mary Terry, Violet Appleget, Highland, Mary Ellwanger, LaVerne Crafton, Katie Leich and Mrs. Alberta High-

land. Lower (center), Bob Mock, tabulating supervisor, sends one down the alley for Allison in the West Side bowling league. Lower right, Capt. Wendell Baker floats through the air like an Allison propeller jet plane as he tries a difficult layup shot for the Allison Jets.

Hinkle to Unveil

Bulldog Cagers

Varsity Team Plays Alumni Tomorrow

Coach Tony Hinkle will show his 1948-49 Butler University varsity basketball team for the first time tomorrow night when his Bulldogs take on a team of former Butler University cage stars at the Butler Fieldhouse. The tip-off is scheduled for 8 p. m.

The Butler mentor will put on the floor four of the starting five members of last year's team with only Jerry Cranny missing from the regular lineup. Slated to start at the forward posts will be Ralph (Buckshot) O'Brien and Robert Evans or William Shepherd.

Opening at the center pivot will be the veteran John Barrowcliff and at guard will be two-year veterans Charlie Maas and Jimmie Doyle.

Alumni Loses Two

The Butler alumni, who have lost the last two contests of the four-year, will counter with senior veterans performers formerly with the Kautskys and currently with the Indianapolis Secos, independent pro team.

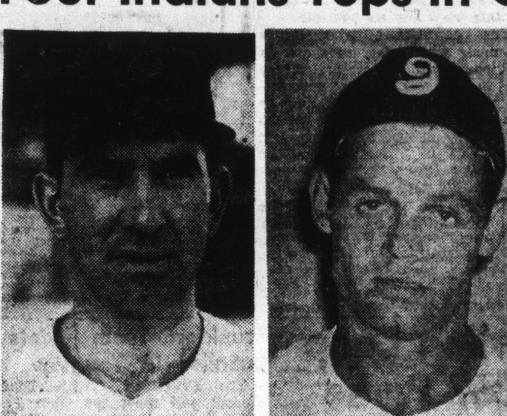
Coach George Perry, '39' will probably start Jerry Steiner, '42, and Woddy Norris, '42, afterwards; Paul Weaver, '47, at center; and Bob Dietz, '41, and Ben Gunn, '40, at the guards.

Dietz is now assistant to Coach Tony Hinkle while Steiner is head tutor at Shortridge High School. Norris plays with the Secos. Weaver is coaching at Clarmont High School, while Gunn is handling the coaching reigns at Greensfolk.

The varsity won last year's contest, 78 to 49. Butler's varsity will tune up tomorrow for the inaugural pair of contests facing Butler this week-end.

The Bulldogs will meet a pair of Big Nine teams, tangling with Illinois Friday and then moving to Ohio State the next evening. The Bulldogs will meet Indiana State Dec. 11 in their first home game of the year.

Four Indians Tops In Official Averages



BOB MALLOY

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 27 (UPI)—Glenn McQuillen, Toledo outfielder, won the batting championship of the American Association for the 1948 season with a mark of .329, official final averages showed today.

It was the lowest winning mark since 1917 when Beals Becker of Kansas City led with .323. Al Rosen, Kansas City, was runner-up to McQuillen with .327.

Other honors were well divided. Ted Beard, Indianapolis outfielder, led in three departments, runs with 131, triples with 17 and bases on balls with 128.

TED BEARD

Mike Natisin, Columbus, paced the field in home runs with 30, while Jerry Witte, Louisville, had the most strikeouts, 122.

Les Fleming of the pennant-winning Indianapolis team had the most runs batted in with 143, while Jack Cassini on the same team led in base stealing with 33.

In club batting Indianapolis was high with .299 while St. Paul and Columbus both had fielding averages of .967 to tie for first.

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Akron Star Dies Of Football Injury

BATAVIA, N. Y., Nov. 27 (UPI)—Harry R. Bow, 18, star fullback of Akron High School, died in St. Jerome Hospital today of injuries suffered in a semi-pro football game Thanksgiving Day.

It was the first gridiron death in western New York this year.

Bow, a three-letter athlete and post-graduate at Akron, Mich., was injured while playing what was supposed to be his last game of the season — perhaps of his career.

Following the end of the scholastic season, he had decided to take part in the annual "Gypsum Bowl" game between the Akron Athletic Club and the Oakfield Athletic Club, Midway through the third quarter, he received the ball near midfield, eluded several tacklers and then, with head lowered, plunged into two others.

The impact fractured a vertebra near the base of his brain.

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