Fortville Fans Keep Mum But Their Fever Runs High

Demons Tackle Amo At Butler on Saturday In First Regional Game

Some 200 '49-ers to Follow Team, All With 2-Month-Old Beards

By JIMMIE ANGELOPOLOUS, Times Sports Writer.

FORTVILLE, Ind., Mar. 3—The still water runs deep in this little community of basketball silence.

By chance, you might find the man on the street isn't saying too much about Fortville's basketball team. He's waiting for Saturday when the Demons meet Amo in the first game of the regionals at the Butler Fieldhouse.

You ask: "How's the ball club shaping up?" And you stand to get a conservative, "Okay, I guess." You parry that one, then point directly at the team's chances against Amo: "They're pretty good," comes an assertive response.

But the town isn't playing possum. An occasional purple and yellow banner still dots main street, a gay reminder of the sectional victory last Saturday over Marion County's Franklin Township.

Tournament Fever

Tournament fever and hometown loyalty have gripped Fortville since last week and everyone today is beginning to run a high temperature for the regionals.

Some 200 '49-ers are going to Indianapolis Saturday to boost the Demons. The '49-ers have been growing beards more than two months getting ready for the Centennial celebration of Fortville scheduled to come off Aug. 21 to 27.

The town will be 100 years old this summer and the men will wear the beards and the women the bustles and bows. They'll typify the days of the "Gold Rush," hoping their basketball team will put on a gold rush of their own this week.

But one of the '49-ers won't be in the stands. He'll be in playing togs, along with brother Ted. Turman Bushton is the bearded one who has held down a regular center's job while his brother Ted has been at forward for the Demons. Both have been members of the team since their sophomore days, three years ago.

Scoring Twins

The twins do well in the scoring column, you're told. Ted stands 6-1 and Turman 6-2. Another good-sized six-footer, Jim Deakyne, at forward, might be the boy to watch. They say he has it, whatever "it" is.

The two guards taper off the team in stature, Bob Norris hitting 5-10 and Donald Kellermeyer reaching only five and one-half feet. Deakyne and Norris are the juniors, the other three are seniors.

A sixth man, Bob Lacy, 5-10, is a junior. Kenny Grahm of the first ten is a sophomore and Danny Noe, only a freshman.

This year's edition of the Demons might be ready to settle a few basketball scores. In 1947, Coach Lloyd O. Brown's five dropped a two-pointer to Southport in the regionals. But that wasn't Brown's first venture into the second round of the state tournament competition.

His teams have won five sectional titles in his 18 years at Fortville High School. He tutored at Kingman High School in Fountain County three years and at Tangier in Parke County three more years.

Won 19, Lost 4

The Central Norman graduate concentrated on football while in college but his net teams have done well.

"This year's squad compares favorably with others I've had," Brown asserts. His team has scored 1066 points to its opponents' 935. The Demons have won 19 and lost four, one of the losses, a 60-to-39 affair, coming at the hands of a strong Summitville team now in Fortville's opposite bracket Saturday.

His boys have averaged 46.3 points per game while maintaining a defensive average of 40.6 in the 23 games.

Brown, too, is waiting for Saturday. He, too, thinks his Demons ought to have "a pretty good chance."

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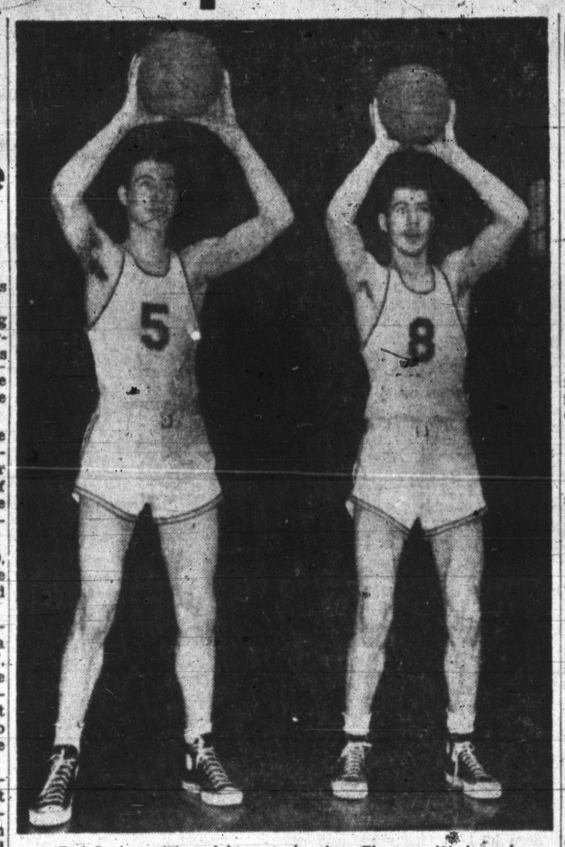
FORTVILLE
(Won 19, Lost 4)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
3	Bob Norris	5-10	150	Junior	G
4	Danny Noe	5-8	130	Freshman	G
5	Ted Rushton	6-1	168	Senior	F
6	Kenny Grahm	5-8	158	Sophomore	G
7	Dick Adams	5-9	137	Senior	F
8	Turman Rushton	6-2	160	Senior	C
9	Pete McKay	6-1	160	Junior	F
10	Jim Deakyne	6-1	180	Junior	F
11	Donald Kellermeyer	5-6	135	Senior	G
12	Bob Lacy	5-10	132	Junior	G
—	Tom Dean	5-7	134	Freshman	F
—	Eugene Ireton	5-2	112	Freshman	G



Ted Rushton (5) and his twin brother, Thurman (8), have been members of the Fortville basketball team since their sophomore days. They'll give Amo plenty of double trouble in the first game of the regionals at Butler Saturday. Fans won't have trouble telling the brothers apart. Turman has been growing a beard for two months and will help celebrate Fortville's Centennial in August with some 200 '49ers.

Coach Lloyd O. Brown ... We stand a chance."

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SEASON RECORD

	Fortville	Opp.
Markleville	45	43
Middletown	54	43
Greenfield	50	38
Summitville	39	60
St. Mary's	46	*43
Pendleton	35	32
Mt. Comfort	50	26
Clayton	64	30
Markleville	43	46
Morristown	54	50
Walnut Grove	62	26
New Palestine	57	30
Wilkinson	48	*40
Charlottesville	48	*54
Fairmount	54	47
Windfall	52	50
Noblesville	39	28
Danville	53	32
Pendleton	49	45
St. Mary's	34	44

SECTIONAL RECORD

	Fortville	Opp.
Eden	54	34
Greenfield	45	39
Franklin Township	53	32

*County tourney.

Butler Out of Sight In Latest Dunkel Rating

Butler University dropped clear out of sight in Dick Dunkel's national basketball ratings this week.

The Bulldogs, on the short end of a 66-to-61 decision at Western Reserve last Monday, skidded from 10th place to oblivion.

During the mid-season play Butler had ranked from 10th to sixth position in the ratings. On the basis of the latest rankings it appears that Butler has definitely lost out in considerations for a position in the National Invitational field.

For the sixth consecutive week Kentucky and Illinois paced the top 20 teams, with Rupp's Rifles safely in first place with a power index of 88.5, it is 83.2 for the Illini.

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THIS WEEKS LEADERS
(Through Games of Feb. 26)

1. Kentucky	88.5
2. Illinois	83.2
3. Bowling Green	75.7
4. Minnesota	74.8
5. Oklahoma A&M	73.3
6. St. Louis	73.1
7. Western Kentucky	73.1
8. Cincinnati	72.8
9. N. C. State	72.5
10. DePaul	72.4
11. Southern California	72.2
12. UCLA	72.1
13. Loyola, Ill.	71.9
14. Yale	71.9
15. Ohio State	71.5
16. Indiana	71
17. Bradley	70.9
18. Villanova	70.3
19. Duquesne	70.1
20. Tulane	70.1

INTERSECTIONAL GAMES

Saturday

Seton Hall *83.5 vs Creighton	49.2
W. Virginia *67.4 vs Pittsburgh	57.4

EAST

Tomorrow

Holy Cross 66.0 vs New York AC	*53.4
St. John, N.Y. *65.6 vs St. Fran., N.Y.	56.8

Saturday

Princeton *61.7 vs Cornell	61.1
Canisius *64.5 vs Boston Coll.	53.3
Colgate 69.5 vs Syracuse	*65.9
Columbia 66.9 vs Penn	*65.3
New York U. 64.8 vs Fordham	49.4
Niagara *65.7 vs Quantico M.	50.1
Villanova 70.3 vs St. Bon'ture	62.7
Yale *71.9 vs Harvard	48.4

Monday

Columbia *66.9 vs Cornell	61.1
Holy Cross 66.0 vs Dartmouth	56.6
Villanova *70.3 vs Geo'town, D.C.	56.5

MIDWEST

Tomorrow

Detroit 47.3 vs W. Ontario	*34.7
Findlay *39.9 vs Ind. Tech	30.2

Saturday

DePaul *72.4 vs Ohio State	71.5
Michigan 70.0 vs Iowa	*62.9
Minnesota 74.8 vs Wisconsin	*69.2
Notre Dame 68.5 vs N'western	*67.0
W. Michigan *54.8 vs Ohio U.	52.9

Monday

Illinois 81.9 vs Michigan	*70.0
St. Louis 73.1 vs Notre Dame	*68.5

WEST

Tomorrow—Saturday

California *67.5 vs Stanford	66.8
So. Cal. 72.2 vs U.C.L.A.	72.1
Utah *67.1 vs Denver	64.1

Monday

Brig. Young *65.5 vs Denver	64.1
Wyoming *67.5 vs Utah State	55.5

Amateur, Independent, Semi-Pro Basketball

Paced by John Hall who dumped in 27 Points, the New York Hoosiers last night defeated the Little Eagles, 60-53, in the Gold Medal Tourney at the New Augusta Legion gym. Gus Gillispie led the losers with a total of 28 points. Other scores last night were: By-Products 48, Gale Studebaker 47; Cumberland 42, Pike Twp. 300 Club 37.

Schedule for tonight: Shirley Corporation vs. Silver Circle Bar, 7; St. Johns vs. Big Eagle Legion, 8, and Cumberland vs. New York Hoosiers at 9.

Em-Roe Civic Basketball League schedule at the Stout Field Gym for tonight: 7 p. m., Crosley Products vs. Tryon's Tavern; 8 p. m., Ind. Farm Bureau vs. Silver Circle Bar; 9 p. m., Stout Field vs. Indianapolis Conservatory.

City Independent Tourney results at Dearborn Gym last night: Conservatory of Music 66, Western Electric 26; Moral AC 36, Mahoney Hive 29; Club LaSalle 64, Franklin West Side Merchants 41.

Tonight's schedule: 7:15, Kennington Post vs. Allison Model Shop; 8:15, Lain Drafting vs. Merfi-Jones; 9:15, New York Central vs. VanCamp.

Plan to Clarify Baseball Code

SARASOTA, Fla., Mar. 3—A special rules committee sought to standardize the playing code for organized baseball today in a meeting with Commissioner A. B. Chandler.

It marked the first time in more than nine years that an attempt has been made to end the snarls and clarify the phrasing of the rules governing the game. The last general revision was made in February, 1940, when the late K. M. Landis was commissioner.

Chandler appointed the special committee to work on revisions and summoned it to the meeting today. He expects that the conference may extend over two days, but if it dos he will have to declare a brief recess tomorrow because he is scheduled to meet Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians at 11 a. m. that day.

Under the present code, each league has separate regulations governing certain matters. The differences include:

American League players are fined if they talk to spectators during a game: National League players are not.

The National does not permit a pitcher to blow on hands before delivery of the ball; the American does.

The American gives the batter a triple on a foul ball struck by a fielder's glove while there is no penalty in the National.

A player or manager in the National put out of the first game of a double-header can return for the second game; in the American he is barred for both games.

The National permits a runner two bases when the ball gets caught in the meshes of a wire screen, while the American permits only one. There are many others, and once they are standardized the committee will work on a code that will iron out all such differences in the minor league playing rules.

Amateur Softball

A meeting has been planned for Mar. 14 at the Sportsmen's Store 126 N. Pennsylvania at 8 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a summer softball league. Present plans call for 36 teams to participate and there will be games six night a week. Teams interested in joining the league are asked to attend the meeting.

Shuffleboard Results

Workingman's Friend 4, Earl's 1; Deep Sea 4, Shea's 1; Flamingo 4, Cutshaw's 1; Princess 3, Hoffas 2; Mid Mid 3, Cedar Inn 2.

Name Officials For Regionals

May, Ward, Todd To Referee Here

IHSAA Commissioner L. V. Phillips today announced the 48 officials who will referee at the 16 regional centers Saturday.

Wilbur May, Norris Ward and Marvin Todd will officiate at the Indianapolis Regional, the first game starting at 1 p. m.

Assignment of regional officials are:

Attica — Devon Eaton, George Collyer, Arthur Lloyd.

Bedford — Jack O'Neal, Robert Hobbs, Clyde Castle.

Bloomington—Cyril Birge, Robert Derrington, William Coulter.

Evansville — Clarence Tolbert, Lowell Willis, Evan Crawley.

Ft. Wayne—Don McBride, John Hilligoss, Eugene Glaze.

Greensburg — Roland Baker, Raymond Trobaugh, Lores Lehman.

Hammond — Harold McSwane, J. W. Johnson, Jay Mertz.

Huntington — Herbert Edwards, James Haywood, Sam Maggette.

Indianapolis—Wilbur May, Norris Ward, Marvin Todd.

Lafayette—John Walker, Victor Griewank, Robert Hoffman.

Logansport — Maurice Jordan, Thomas Stirling, John Magnabosco.

Marion—C. N. Phillips, Stanley Dubis, Don Polizotto.

Muncie—William Reimann, Walter Bonham, Ray Lackey.

Rushville—G. P. Silver, Lawrence Leland, Herbert Schwomeyer.

South Bend—Charles McManus, Hugh Bergstrom, Paul Bateman.

Vincennes—Allen Klinck, Irvin Thrasher, Cecil Tharp.

Caps Enter Home Stretch Against Reds

Locals Open Crucial Series; Gauthier Hurt

By BILL EGGERT

The Providence Reds put in their final appearance of the regular season here tonight meeting the Indianapolis Caps at the Coliseum.

The Caps, looking for another win streak on home ice to win the American Hockey League's Western Division championship, are all even with the Reds in five previous games this season. Each sextet has won two and the other was a 2-2 tie.

In Providence's last appearance here, Jan. 13, the Caps went on their highest scoring spree flipping 12 goals into the nets.

Bad luck struck the Caps yesterday when Fern Gauthier broke his left kneecap in practice. The injury sidelined the veteran for the rest of the season.

Six Home Tilts

The Caps, only eight games from the end of schedule trail, have six home tilts including tonight's game and two on the road at St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

Veteran Carl Liscombe of Providence, who breaks records as if it were second nature with him, today added the American Hockey League's single season goal scoring record to his collection.

Liscombe scored three goals last night to bring his total to 53 for the season, one better than the former mark of 52 set by Cleveland's Johnny Holota during the 1946-47 season. The Reds, who have already clinched the Eastern Division title, defeated Buffalo, 7 to 4, at Buffalo.

Picture Confused

Meanwhile, the Western Division playoff and title picture became more confused than ever as St. Louis and Pittsburgh tied Cleveland for second place only one point behind idle Indianapolis.

Pittsburgh walloped Cleveland, 8 to 0, at Pittsburgh with Goalie Aldege (Baz) Bastien starring while St. Louis edged Philadelphia, 7 to 6.

Cap Scoring

	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Fred Glover	60	28	45	73	53
Gerry Reid	60	30	40	70	12
Calum MacKay	57	24	44	68	32
*Pat Lundy	47	29	20	49	13
Nelson Podolsky	56	21	27	48	78
Don Morrison	40	17	24	41	18
Rod Morrison	57	20	21	41	30
Cliff Simpson	40	21	16	37	12
Ed Bruneteau	53	18	16	34	16
Al Dewsburn	57	7	21	28	91
Ken McKenzie	55	13	12	25	22
Ott Heller	47	6	18	24	18
Ed Nicholson	57	1	20	21	40
Gordon Haidy	40	12	8	20	47
Ben Woit	60	2	11	13	28
Frank Melong	60	4	7	11	36
*Enio Schlisizzi	12	3	7	10	6
*Lee Fogolin	20	2	6	8	30
Fern Gauthier	11	1	3	4	0
Terry Sawchuk	60	0	0	0	6

*Now with Detroit.

On the Ice

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts.	G	OG
INDIANAPOLIS	34	18	11	79	256	187
Cleveland	36	18	6	78	251	221
Pittsburgh	34	17	10	78	263	156
St. Louis	35	17	8	78	260	171
Buffalo	28	22	8	64	208	175

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts.	G	OG
Providence	41	13	6	88	318	187
Hershey	25	34	4	54	222	231
Springfield	19	33	9	47	212	247
New Haven	17	36	7	41	190	253
Philadelphia	14	41	5	33	201	300
Washington	9	49	4	22	159	362

Barnhorst Paces Irish

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Mar. 3—With two games left to play, Leo Barnhorst leads the Notre Dame season scoring parade with 263 points. Barnhorst is listed as forward, but switches into the slot in the absence of John Foley or John Brennan, regular centers.

Dual Swim Meet

The Indianapolis Athletic Club's senior boys' swimming team will meet the Cincinnati University team at 3 p. m. Saturday in the IAC pool. The IAC girls' team will swim against the Riviera girls' team in the dual meet.

Basketball Results

COLLEGES

Chicago Loyola 63, Western Reserve 31.
Cincinnati 68, Duquesne 51.
Lafayette 68, Bucknell 37.
LaSalle 90, Gettysburg 60.
Milton (Wis.) 59, Lewis (Ill.) 46.
Princeton 48, Columbia 45.
Syracuse 70, Canisius 58.
Villanova 80, Seton Hall 53.
Yale 71, Connecticut 55.

PROFESSIONAL
Association of America

St. Louis 82, Washington 75.
New York 81, Chicago 79.

National League

Waterloo 64, Hammond 58.

Sports Events Here and There Today, Tomorrow

TODAY

SWIMMING

Western Conference championship meet at Purdue, 7:30 p. m.

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL
Association of America

Minneapolis at Indianapolis, 8:30 p. m. Broadcast WIRE 11:05 p. m.
St. Louis at Baltimore.
Ft. Wayne at Philadelphia.

National League

Anderson at Denver.
Dayton at Tri-Cities.
Waterloo at Sheboygan.
Oshkosh at Syracuse.

AMATEUR BASKETBALL

City Independent tourney at Dearborn Gym, 7:15 p. m.

HOCKEY

Providence at Indianapolis, 8:30 p. m., Coliseum.

TOMORROW

GOLF

Exhibition and Clinic, 6th floor L. Strauss & Co., 10 and 11 a. m., 3 and 4 p. m.

WRESTLING

Western Conference championship at Indiana.

SWIMMING

Western Conference championship meet at Purdue, 9:30 a. m.

TRACK

Western Conference championship meet at Illinois, 6:30 p. m.

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL
Association of America

Ft. Wayne at Boston.

HOCKEY

Springfield at Washington.

AMATEUR BASKETBALL

City Independent tourney at Dearborn Gym, 7:15 p. m.

Griffith Yanks First Pitcher From the Mound in 1949

ORLANDO, Fla., Mar. 3 (UP)—Walt Masterson of the Washington Senators, who mistook March for July and spring training for mid-season, paid the penalty today when he became the first pitcher to be yanked from the mound in 1949.

The bespectacled right-hander, cutting loose with an assortment of curves and fast balls, was waved from the box by Senator Owner Clark Griffith. Griffith explained his action by recalling that Masterson developed a sore arm last spring through a similar incident.

Griffith also announced that the Senators had acquired Paul Calvert, 30-year-old former Cleveland relief pitcher who specialized in fast balls. Calvert was obtained as a free agent and will be given a thorough trial.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 3 (UP)—The Chicago Cubs were ready to concede today that Emil (Dutch) Leonard's knuckle-ball is as effective as ever. Leonard, acquired from the Phillies during the off-season, had Cub hitters wildly fanning the air yesterday as he pitched a good portion of batting practice.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Mar. 3 (UP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates were beginning to wonder today what's holding up Outfielder Ralph Kiner, who said he would be on hand yesterday, but wasn't. Manager Billy Meyer said he was hopeful the home-run hitting star would report to camp today.

LAKELAND, Fla., Mar. 3 (UP)—Detroit Manager Red Rolfe today began to emphasize bunting drills for his pitchers. "I don't intend to lose any close games because a pitcher doesn't know how to advance a runner," Rolfe said.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 3 (UP)—Eddie Dyer, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, said today third baseman Whitey Kurowski appears to be the most improved player in camp. The blond infielder was sidelined a good part of last season with an arm ailment.

BURBANK, Cal., Mar. 3 (UP)—Three right-handed hitters, Whitey Platt, Ken Wood and Sherman Lollar, were impressing St. Louis Browns' Manager Zach Taylor with their long distance hitting today. Each pounded balls over the 354-foot left-field fence.

Sports Roundup—

Tribe All-Star Ballot Wasted

Indians Outvoted in Effort To Revive AA Classic

By Eddie Ash
Times Sports Editor

BASEBALL WRITERS of the American Association lost out in their campaign to revive the league's mid-season All-Star game, last played in Indianapolis in 1946. . . . Even though the club owners rejected restoration of the classic by majority vote, the Indianapolis club rode the writers' bandwagon and cast its ballot in favor of placing the popular attraction back on the AA calendar. . . . League President Bruce Dudley of Louisville collected the ballots by mail but failed to disclose the count. . . . "It's no secret at Victory Field," Tribe Business Manager Ted Sullivan said, "we know the fans want the All-Star game and we also think the writers conducted a fair and courteous drive to restore it." . . . Indianapolis was host to the classic in 1938 and 1946. . . . The Indians beat the All-Stars the first time and lost the second skirmish when big Jerry Witte of Toledo belted three home runs over the Victory Field wall. . . . Owners who have opposed the game since 1946 have been reluctant about stating their reasons. . . . Summed up, however, there are three major points whenever the magnates get down to voting on the issue . . . (1) the host club usually loses money . . . (2) it tears up the regular schedule to allow three consecutive dates to stage the affair . . . (3) players who are not called upon to participate get three days off with pay and some are inclined to forget about training rules.

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THE Indianapolis Indians' unsigned player list was reduced to four today when outfielder John McKeown, 20, and pitcher James Mims, 23, accepted terms. . . . McKeown is tabbed as a future great. . . . He batted .317 for Waco last season and hit the ball hard . . . He swings and throws left-handed. . . . Mims, a righthander, won 15 and lost seven with York in 1948. . . . The Tribe management is "high" on McKeown.

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PRETTY SOFT for the Providence Reds of the American Hockey League . . . They've already clinched the eastern division title and can live the life of Riley until the playoffs . . . The Rhode Island Reds will be here tonight and the Hoosier Caps are geared to go all out to show up the formidable invaders . . . It will match the class of the East against one of the West's best.

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JOE LOUIS' fight promotion partners, Arthur Wirtz and James D. Norris, have been associated in sports promotions for the last 15 years. . . . They operate the Chicago Stadium, Detroit Olympia Arena, Indianapolis Coliseum and Norris is also a stockholder in New York's Madison Square Garden. . . . Wirtz also is head man of the Sonja Henie ice shows.

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TOM WOLLENWEBER of Tech, who was on The Times All-City football team as an end, has the distinction of being the only high school heavyweight wrestler in Indiana who was not pinned by Gene Donaldson, Roosevelt of East Chicago's three-time state champion . . . Donaldson pinned 14 Indiana heavies but failed to pin Wollenweber, who lost in the finals of the state meet recently. . . . Wollenweber started wrestling just this year. . . . He was the only boy who wrestled Donaldson who got a take-down on the Roosevelt boy, taking him off his feet at the start of the match. . . . All the other boys pinned by Donaldson in the state meet were pinned in less than 49 seconds. . . . No Hoosier boy has gone more than four minutes with Donaldson, other than Wollenweber.

DiMaggio's Heel Declared OK

Nothing Serious, Says His Surgeon

NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (UP)—Cheered by a doctor's verdict that his damaged heel is strong enough to play baseball on, Jolting Joe DiMaggio was set today to rejoin his New York Yankee teammates at their Florida training camp.

The Yankee Clipper rushed back North yesterday because his right heel, which was operated on during the winter, had pained him after only one workout.

But the doctor who performed the operation, Dr. Gordon D. Bennett, assured DiMaggio in Baltimore that there was no serious trouble. He predicted that the aching foot would gradually be strengthened as the $90,000 Yankee slugger continued his training.

"It's just a recurrence of his old trouble," said Dr. Bennett. "Nothing serious. In fact, I'm rather optimistic. The trouble is nothing to treat here."

Utes Club to Honor Butler Netters

Utes Club, Butler University sophomore men's honorary fraternity, will honor the 1949 basketball Bulldogs next Wedensday with a dinner in the school cafeteria.

Butler completed its hardwood season Monday night against Western Reserve. They lost, making the season record read 18 and five.

It was a record breaking year for the Bulldogs, although they were second in the Mid-American Conference. Buckshot O'Brien, a junior, set a new one game scoring record of 27 points, a new three-year record of 828 points and a new one season record of 346 points. The team as a whole dropped in 1389 points for a new team record.

O'Brien's field goal percentage for the season was a surprising .410.

Work on Deal For Pep Fight Here May 27

McKinney Promotes Cancer Fund Bout; Wants Butler Bowl

By JIM HEYROCK

Negotiations were under way today to bring Willie Pep, featherweight champion of the world, to Indianapolis to defend his recently re-won crown, three days before the annual 500-mile race.

Forrest McKinney, Indianapolis promoter, said Pep's handlers have verbally accepted the offer. Lou Viscusi, manager of the pint-sized champion, will come to Indianapolis next week to close the deal, McKinney said.

But a lot of problems still must be coped with before the championship tussle, which would be the biggest fight in Indiana's history, becomes a reality.

Largest of these problems will be the location for the fight. McKinney has selected Butler Bowl but still must get the green light from Butler University administrators.

$100,000 Endeavor

Benefiting from the endeavor, which McKinney terms "a $100,000 promotion," would be the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund.

McKinney has invited Walter Winchell, New York news commentator and founder of the cancer fund, to appear at the fight as guest announcer and accept the proceeds, after guarantees or ducted, for the fund.

Another item to be ironed out at the meeting with Pep's manager, which also will be attended by Mayor Al Feeney and civic leaders, is the selection of a worthy opponent for the champion.

The challenger will be picked from the nation's top five featherweights under Pep. They include Sandy Saddler, Ray Famechon, Jackie Graves, Eddie Miller and Miguel Acevedo.

Pep, the fiery little Italian-American scrapper, made a comeback last month to regain his title, which he had lost last October to Sandy Saddler.

Saddler took the title by a fourth round knockout. Pep retook the toga in a slam-bang 15-round decision.

McKinney, who has set May 27 as the date for the fight with May 28 held in reserve in case of rain, says he is promoting the fight without any outside financial aid.

The record for a featherweight championship fight was set at the Pep-Saddler meeting when 19,097 persons paid $87,563. Top price for tickets to that fight was $15.

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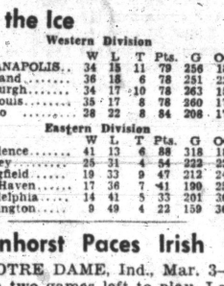
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