

# Bucks And Badgers Tie For Big 9 Indoor Track Title

## Wisconsin's Runners Play, Maestro Settles Issue With Mile Relay Triumph

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### Gehrman Sets Loop Record in Half Mile To Help Team to First Crown Since 1930

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Mar. 5 (UP)—Defending champion Ohio State and underdog Wisconsin battled throughout the afternoon today to finish in a tie for the Big Nine indoor track championship with 38 points each.

Neither team was far off the pace throughout the 12-event program. And the final event on the card, the mile relay, settled the issue.

The Badger quartet, Gene Whipple, Don Gehrman and Bob Mansfield, performed in 3:18.6 to set a new conference record, the third spectacular performance of the day.

The previous mark was 3:18.9 set by Michigan in 1939 and tied by Ohio State in 1947.

**Acc Ohio State Led**  
Wisconsin, put into the meet by the splendid performance of its ace distance runner, Gehrman, came through to win the relay and overcome a previous two-point advantage held by the Buckeyes.

It was the third conference indoor crown for each team. The Buckeyes won the title last year in nearly the same type of finish, taking the mile relay to capture the crown, but the last time Wisconsin held the championship was in 1930.

Gehrman and Lloyd Duff of Ohio State were easily the individual stars of the afternoon classic. The slim Badger runner captured both the mile and half-mile runs, setting a record time in the latter event.

**Wins in Slow Time**  
Gehrman won the mile, the first event of the day, in the slow time of 4:18.1, exactly five seconds off the conference record, but then came back to take the half-mile in record time of 1:53.1.

The previous league mark for the event was 1:53.9, set in 1933 by Chuck Hornbostel of Indiana and tied in 1947 by Herb Barten of Michigan.

Duff, who was the individual star of the 1948 indoor meet with 16 points, tallied 10 today also with two individual victories.

He captured the 70-yard low hurdles with a time of .38 and then repeated his 1948 win in the 10-yard high hurdles with a time of .38.7. Last year he took the event in .38.4.

**Broad Jump Record**  
In addition to Gehrman's record-smashing half-mile and the new mark, one other conference record fell. Jewell Daily of Purdue won the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet 7 inches, surpassing the old mark of 24 feet 5 1/2 inches set in 1947 by Paul Miller of Purdue.

The Badger-Buckeye tie was the first deadlock in the 39 years in which the Big Nine indoor meet has been held. Illinois, which has won 11 previous crowns, finished third with 35 points.

Purdue was a surprise fourth with 21 1/2 points, Minnesota fifth with 21, Indiana sixth with 18, Michigan seventh with 13, Northwestern eighth with 10, and Iowa a poor last without a single point.

Chuck Peters of Indiana suffered his first defeat in the mile relay.

## Cincinnati U. Swimmers Thump IAC, 55 to 20

The Indianapolis Athletic Club's senior boys' swimming team bowed to Cincinnati University, 55 to 20, yesterday afternoon in the IAC pool. The Indianapolis team failed to win a race.

A new pool record was set by Roy Stiekney of Cincinnati in the 100-yard free style when he won with a time of 53.6.

The Riviera Girls' team downed the IAC girls, 43 to 22. The IAC girls' B team lost to the Riviera B girls, 47 to 10. Summary:

100-Yard Medley Relay—Won by Cincinnati University. Time 3:13.2.  
100-Yard Free Style—Won by Roy Stiekney, Cincinnati. Time 53.6.  
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## Sgro's Opponent May Lose Purse

The Indiana Athletic Commission yesterday received a recommendation that the purse of Bob Malone, Louisville welterweight, be held up because of his poor showing against Indiana welterweight champion Joe Sgro in the main event of Friday night's boxing card at the Armory.

Fred DeBorde, state boxing inspector, said he recommended Malone be paid only expenses. Malone, who said he had had only three professional fights before meeting the clever Sgro, quit in the fourth round before he had suffered a hard blow.

His excuse was an infected tooth. The commission doctor, however, said he was unable to find a tooth infection when he examined Malone after the fight.

Meanwhile, a boxing program scheduled for the Cincinnati Music Hall Mar. 14, in which Sgro was to have been the chief attraction, was ordered canceled by the Cincinnati Boxing Commission last week.

Reason for the cancellation, according to the commission, was an injury suffered by a Cincinnati fighter, Sgro was to have launched a widespread campaign in the welter class with the Mar. 14 bout.

**Swimming Results**  
Cincinnati U. 55, IAC 20 (Men). Riviera 43, IAC 22 (Women).

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THEY MAY LAUGH WHEN JOE SITS DOWN AT THE PIANO TO PLAY "MUSICAL CHAIRS" TO SEE WHO WILL END UP IN THE VACANT SEAT... IN FACT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE LOTS OF LAUGHS, BUT THEY WON'T BE AT JOE...



## Florida Pro Leads Many Conservation Bills Fail in Assembly; State Learns About Natural Resources

By MARC G. WAGGENER  
Just a few more hours and then we can balance the books on the 1949 session of the General Assembly and see how near the members came to carrying out their party and personal platform pledges. Apparently it's not going to take long to run through the legislative enactments affecting Indiana's natural resources.

But regardless of what bills become law and what ones are still in the mill when the session ends, both the legislators and the boys back home know more about conservation and the need for a program of dealing with natural resources which has some continuity of operation and personnel.

The interest which has been aroused during this session will not die away and candidates for the 25 seats in the Senate and the 100 seats in the House in the 1951 session will be hearing plenty from the conservationists.

**Fishing Urge Rising**  
Despite the high interest in the doings of the Legislature, Hoosier anglers are getting more and more restive. You're seeing more and more of them along the creek banks and around the gravel pits in this locality and through the southern part of the state.

Around the northern lakes the ice fishermen are still doing business but they are willing to trade their fur-lined outfits for an outboard motor and shirtslippers.

Anglers have until the first of May to test their luck against bass, bluegills and other game fish. But on May 1 the trout season opens and scores of anglers will be heading north for the Little Elkhart, the Fawn and Coburn Creek with a pocket of flies and the hope of hitting some fighting rainbows or browns.

**Casting Meet Today**  
Starting at 10 o'clock today the Indiana State Outdoor Casting Meet gets under way at Tomlinson Hall with five events on the day's schedule. First is a 500-yard accuracy event for men, women and juniors followed by a 500-yard accuracy contest for the same three classes. A mixed doubles contest with teams composed of a man and woman, starts at 1 p.m. Five-man teams will compete at 2 p.m.

**Em-Roe to Sponsor Night Softball Leagues**  
The Em-Roe Sporting Goods Co. night softball leagues will again be played at Beech Grove Stadium, opening May 16.

Plans are now under way to form leagues to play from Monday through Friday nights. Any teams desiring to play in these leagues or wishing further information concerning the leagues or stadium, may contact Joe Kelly, manager of Beech Grove Stadium, at 209 W. Washington St., or by phone at LI 3446.

**To National Meet**  
Henry P. Cottingham, director of the fish and game division, will represent the Indiana Department of Conservation at the National Wildlife Conference which opens Monday in Washington, D. C. Both have attended previous sessions and have many acquaintances among wildlife officials of other states.

**License Sales Set Record**  
An all-time high in state revenues from the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses in 1948 is reported by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Income from these licenses to the 48 states is placed at \$58,164,396.

During the past year there were 674,953 fewer hunting licenses issued but the revenue, due to higher fees, was \$1,255,880 over the '47 figure. Issuance of 1,962,275 more fishing licenses in '48 than '47 boosted income from this source \$5,882,768.

California led the states in the number of fishing licenses and income from these was up one and a half million dollars. Pennsylvania issued the most hunting licenses but Michigan—with 28 thousand fewer licenses, took in \$547,000 more than Pennsylvania's \$2,039,274.

**Fewer Hunters, Pay More**  
A total of 11,391,610 hunting licenses were issued by the 48 states in '48, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife report, while \$4,582,739 fishing licenses were issued. Part of the higher number of anglers is attributed to the participation of more women in fishing than hunting.

On the cash side of the ledger, there was less difference between hunting and fishing. Hunting license revenue for the year totaled \$28,514,327, while \$28,350,069 was collected in fishing license fees.

**Bo Signs Georgian**  
DETROIT, Mar. 5 (UP)—George Brodnax, co-captain and All-American end at Georgia Tech last fall, has signed a one-year contract with the Detroit Lions. Coach Bo McMillan announced today.

**Sunderland 7th**  
Jack Sunderland of Indianapolis, Kalamazoo College tennis player, is the seventh ranking men's player in the Western Lawn Tennis Association.

**AHL Race Wide Open As Caps Take On Lions**  
Anything can happen now in the struggle for first place in the American Hockey League's Western Division. Coach Ott Heller's huskies will be out to protect their winning ways tonight when they bump up against the Washington Lions, Eastern Division cellar-dwellers, on the ice at the Coliseum.

The Indianapolis Caps will take to the ice tonight with a record of 35 wins, 15 defeats and 11 ties after an idle Saturday night.

## Joe Louis Holds Edge On Mike Jacobs in Battle Over Champs

By Mullin Assured of NBA Recognition Of Winner in Charles-Walcott Bout

By JACK CUDDY, United Press Sports Writer  
NEW YORK, Mar. 5—Joe Louis and Mike Jacobs seemed to have a distinct edge over Charles-Walcott today as they awaited the bell for the second round of their battle for the vacant heavyweight crown.

Louis, who will come out punching when he arrives in New York Tuesday, still had Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott under contract to fight for the title he relinquished last Tuesday at Miami Beach, Fla.

And he still had official assurance that the National Boxing Association would recognize the Charles-Walcott winner as world champion.

Those facts still were most potent among the welter of words issued by various persons since Louis simultaneously announced his retirement and the formation of the new International Boxing Club that has Charles and Walcott under contract.

**Big Dial Captures Florida Handicap**  
HALLANDALE, Fla., Mar. 5 (UP)—Big Dial, George Jacobson's chestnut colt who won only once in 18 tries in 1948, turned the Ft. Lauderdale handicap into a one-horse race in the stretch at Gulfstream Park today and won the 7:50 event by three and a half lengths.

Cherry Oca stable's First Nighter, with Conn McCreary up, was second, as Jockey A. J. Fernandez and Big Dial finished the mile-and-sixteenth in 1:48 4/5. Mrs. E. L. Hopkins' Three Rings was a poor hind, finishing some seven lengths farther back, although he was the choice of the 17,489 spectators.

McCreary lodged a foul against the winner, claiming that Fernandez and Big Dial interfered with First Nighter during the move into the stretch. The stewards denied his claim. Stud Poker, Roman Candle and Petrol completed the field in that order.

**Marjorie Lindsay Wins Florida Links Meet**  
ORMOND BEACH, Fla., Mar. 5 (UP)—Marjorie Lindsay of Decatur, Ill., won the South Atlantic women's golf championship today, defeating Claire Doran, Cleveland, O., 2 and 1 over the Ormond Beach Golf Club course.

It was the first major tournament Miss Lindsay has won outside of her home state.

**Bears Sign Bendrick**  
CHICAGO, Mar. 5 (UP)—Ben Bendrick, Wisconsin fullback, has signed a 1949 contract with the Chicago Bears, the club announced today. Bendrick, a 22-year-old, six-foot, 200-pounder from Wausau, Wis., was one of the best ground-gainers in the Big Nine last fall. In 1945, as a freshman, he was the top fullback in the conference with a total gain of 445 yards, averaging nearly five yards per try.

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In the team's Western Division race, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and St. Louis are crowding the Caps. None of the teams can afford to falter in their next 14 days of play.

Washington's record this season isn't an impressive one. They have dropped 49 out of 63 contests but have the distinction of having held the Caps to a 5-all tie in one of the early contests this season, a game last week. Because the Caps, however, won four of the five meetings by decisive margins, they will be required to dress for the remainder of the season.

**BCWL IN A LEAGUE THIS SUMMER**  
Summer League Schedule

WOMEN'S HANDICAP—TUESDAY MORNING... AT 9:30  
WOMEN'S HANDICAP—WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:00  
WOMEN'S HANDICAP—THURSDAY AFTERN'N AT 1:30

MIXED HANDICAP—TUESDAY EVENING... AT 6:00  
MIXED HANDICAP—THURSDAY EVENING... AT 8:30  
MIXED HANDICAP—SATURDAY EVENING... AT 6:00

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MIXED HANDICAP—SUNDAY EVENING... AT 6:00  
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MEN'S HANDICAP—FRIDAY EVENING... AT 8:30

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