

New Coach Drills On Fundamentals And Ben Davis Rolls

Giants Make Comeback After Early Season Losses Iron Out 'Bugs'

Mentors Find Hard Work in Practice Pays Off on Scoreboard, Morale

By JIMMIE ANGELOPOLOUS

Things are beginning to even up at Ben Davis because things are beginning to even up.

Coach Lou Parnell, who roamed the European recreational frontier last summer, came back to his new job this fall after six years at Park School. He shook hands with another new assistant coach, John Masaru, fresh out of Butler, who's no stranger to the neighborhood recreational problems of boys.

And then they went to work. You couldn't tell it for a while because the Giants dropped two close squeaks out of three and succumbed to Southport, a rival county power.

Parnell and Masaru, who can whistle while they work, found the panacea for the Giants' ills. They drilled on fundamentals, an apparent necessity handicapping high school gridders in the state the last two years because of no spring drills. They drilled until they could notice the results on the scoreboard.

Ben Davis tripped little Pike Township, 32 to 6, two weeks ago and became the third county team in a row to hang the black crepe on Speedway's defending champions. The score was 20 to 15. The Plugs aren't flat on their backs, but their wholesale injuries haven't helped matters.

Burkhardt Improved Also

The Giants were coming into their own and one of the boys who also found himself is Halfback, Glen Burkhardt, who has scored five touchdowns in the last two games. He had been hurt in an accident.

Coach Parnell's praise doesn't slow down until he gets down to his third stringers, and then he has to sidestep because "I've got some promising young ones coming up."

That answered the query about all those 18 seniors he has almost blanketing the first starting eleven. Sophomore Dave Marks, a 175-pounder, and Junior Jack Moore, a 150-pound quarterback, are the only underclassmen starters, usually. The Giant mentor struck a happy balance between continued development of this rich inheritance of seniors and his next year's hopefuls.

Seniors Dale Morgan and Bob Hoeger man the flanks; senior Jim Moore, no relation to Jack, has the other tackle spot; Jim Campbell and Pat Pinkston are at guards for the last year, and Center Dave Henderson hopes to graduate, too.

Clayton Carmichael, at fullback; Bill Ping, at right halfback and Burkhardt are eligible for the sheepskin. Coming back to



City, County H. S. Grid Schedule This Week

Friday

Pike Township at Beech Grove, 8 p.m.
Washington at Broad Ripple, 8 p.m.
Shortridge vs. Cathedral at CYO, 8 p.m.
Greenwood at Decatur Central, 8 p.m.

Deaf School at Franklin Township, 8 p.m.
Lawrence Central at Warren Central, 8 p.m.

Manual at Southport, 8 p.m.
Plainfield at Speedway, 8 p.m.
Kokomo at Tech, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Ben Davis vs. Howe at Tech, 8 p.m.
Crispus Attucks vs. Sacred Heart at CYO, 8 p.m.

Wabash Working Hard for Centre

Thesz Beats Stark In Armory Bout

Lou Thesz, St. Louis, last night defeated Mike Sharp, Ontario, Canada, to retain his NWA heavyweight title in the main mat attraction at the Armory.

Thesz took the first fall in 12 minutes with a body slam but Sharp evaded the score in 11 minutes with a back fist and body press. Thesz was declared the victor after 10 minutes of the final session when he threw Sharp from the ring and the contender was unable to get back into the ring in the required count of 20.

Mike's brother Ben fared a little better when he used a flying tackle and press to defeat Fred Blassie, St. Louis, in 14 minutes of the semi-final. Whitley Whittier, Springfield, and Bobby Nelson, Milwaukee, fought to a draw in the opener.

Women's Tourney Set

FT. WAYNE, Oct. 12 (UPI)—The 1950 Indiana Women's championship golf tournament will be at the Ft. Wayne Country Club July 17-21. Mrs. Tom Doherty, Terre Haute, president of the Indiana Women's Golf Association, said today. The announcement was made after a meeting of executive board members of the IWGA and officials of the host club here yesterday.

Centre College will bring a one-and-one record into the game. The Colonels smothered Marietta, 45-16, and were downed by Maryville Teachers, 28-25.

For the first time this season the Little Giants will hold the weight advantage on the forward wall. They will average 196 pounds against 190 for the Colonels.

Ripple Harriers Win

Running 2.7 miles in 15:25.5, Steve Smith led the Broad Ripple harriers to a 24-31 cross-country victory over Shortridge yesterday on the losers course.

Plugs Beat Hornet 'Bs'

Speedway High School's Reserve football team defeated the Beech Grove "B" team, 12 to 7, afternoon.

Rough Riders Top State List

E. Chicago Roosevelt Picked Over Reitz

By KURT FREUDENTHAL United Press Sports Writer

East Chicago Roosevelt's perennially powerful Rough Riders today were back in the spot they occupied from 1946 until 1948, leading the elite of Indiana's high school football parade.

Coach Pete Rucinski's Riders, unbeaten in five games, were tops in the first weekly United Press statewide ranking, resuming their three-year monopoly which was broken last year.

The Rough Riders gained the nod by virtue of their 20-12 victory over Evansville Reitz, a holder of the mythical title last year. The Panthers from the Pocket City were in the runner-up spot with three victories opposing that loss.

The remainder of the "Big Ten" was dominated by northern Indiana schools, but third place belonged to the high-flying New Castle Trojans of the North Central Conference. The Trojans haven't missed in five games and have a good chance for an unbeaten season.

South Bend Team Next

South Bend Washington, leading the eastern division of the Northern Indiana Conference, edged East Chicago Washington for the fourth place, and South Bend Central was sixth, followed by independent Gary Roosevelt, Evansville Central, rugged Michigan City and South Bend Riley.

Several "crucial" games this week-end will put the front runners on the spot. Gary Roosevelt, for instance, takes its perfect record to South Bend Central. South Bend Washington expels its clean slate at La Porte in a Northern loop tilt, and Bloomington hosts Evansville Reitz in the top down-town clash.

Other headliners included Columbus at Connersville, a tussle which may decide the South Central Conference championship, with the Columbus Bulldogs the defending champions. Auburn and Columbia City, both beaten, settle an issue in a Northeastern Conference fracas.

East Chicago Roosevelt, meanwhile, takes on Chicago Marquette, and New Castle shouldn't be troubled at Frankfort.

Dixie Walker May Pilot Orioles

BALTIMORE, Oct. 12 (UP)—Dixie Walker, the one-time people's choice of Brooklyn, today may be the top choice to manage the Baltimore Orioles next year.

Walker, given his outright release by the Pittsburgh Pirates last week after 14 years in the major leagues, filed his application with Jack Dunn, president of the International League club, yesterday.

Said Dunn: "Walker is very much in the running."

Walker went to the Pirates in 1948 after a brilliant nine-year career with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Previously he served with the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers.

Irish, Shortridge Split

Cathedral football teams split honors yesterday with Shortridge. The Irish freshmen defeated the Shortridge freshmen 13-0, while the Blue Devils reserves took the measure of the Catholic reserves 7-6. The freshman game was played at Cathedral and the reserve game at Shortridge.

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Two Fighters Added to Friday Card

Two fighters, one a former pits Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, holder of the Wisconsin featherweight title. Joe Sgro, Indiana welterweight champion, the Golden Gloves middleweight title, will square off against Johnny Wilson, Milwaukee. The card Friday will be the first presented by Good Sports, Inc., a new club recently licensed by the State Athletic Commission. Tom Miller is the matchmaker. The main event of 10 rounds

is Pat Iacobucci against Marion Rhoden, Milwaukee.

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