

# Olymps And Packers Set Stage For Playoff Climax

## Two Gary Prep Teams Hailed as Powers in 1950 Track Campaign

Roosevelt, Froebel Loaded With Talent; Anderson Crippled by Loss of Stayton

By KURT FREUDENTHAL, United Press Sports Writer

Gary Roosevelt, never a champion, and current titleholder Froebel, its city rival, were stamped today as the powers to beat in the 1950 Indiana high school track and field campaign.

The steel city was loaded with talent again, and the only drawback was that some of the potential champions will have been knocked out by the time sectional and regional survivors gather here May 27 for the state championship.

Still, Gary may qualify enough material to hang on to the team title. Froebel wrestled from Anderson a year ago. Anderson had won the crown four years straight and was headed for a fifth when the Blue Devils, led by their brilliant Joe (Pep) Gonzales, ended their victory string.

Gonzales, Stayton Out

Gonzales has kissed his school-boy career goodbye, and so has Anderson's great Johnny Stayton. While Gonzales monopolized the dashes for three years, Stayton was king of the middle-distance and cross-country boys.

Both blazed a victory trail that may stand for years, and both should have sparkling college careers.

Meanwhile, a survey showed that only four state meet champions from last year will be back to defend their titles. Six others, including double-winner Gonzales, have been graduated.

The titlists back were Sam Sims, Ft. Wayne Central's versatile ace, in the 120-yard high hurdles; Willie Williams, who copped the 200-yard low hurdles for Gary Roosevelt; Gary Froebel's Lorenzie Williams, the broad jump king, and Dick Carter of Petersburg, tops in the pole vault.

Gary Roosevelt, third in the state meet last year, was less plagued by graduation problems than most other squads. The Panthers have eight veterans back to form the nucleus of a balanced club. But in the recent steel city indoor meet, rival Froebel ran off with the crown by a scant one-point margin.

Anderson a Threat

Anderson never can be discounted. The wily Carl Bonge had a turn-out of nearly 100 candidates from which to choose his varsity, which includes holdovers

## Bell Named Coach at Beech Grove

Heads Baseball Staff; Will Tutor Freshmen Cagers

By JIMMIE ANGELOPOLUS

Carlos Bell, a Washington High School (Indianapolis) product, has been named head baseball coach and freshman basketball coach at Beech Grove High School, Principal O. L. Van Horn announced today.

A 1943 graduate of Washington, Bell has taken over the reins as baseball coach formerly held by Coach Virgil Riley, who resigned as football and baseball coach last fall.

Bell has been teaching math and physical education at Beech Grove this semester. He opens his diamond career Apr. 18 at Park School.

Won Three Letters

While at Washington, he won two letters in football and one in basketball. He was enrolled at DePauw University with the Navy V-12 program for two years until 1945, then went to Georgia Pre-Flight training for six months. He played two years of football at DePauw, where he was graduated in 1947. He attended Beech Grove one semester in 1946.

Coach Bell played football while at the Pre-Flight school. He holds a Navy Reserve Commission as an ensign.

## Hoosier in Rugby Meet

Samuel C. Butler of Logansport is a member of the 22-man team that will represent Harvard in the annual Rugby Week Inter-collegiate Championships at Bermuda beginning Apr. 2. Princeton and Yale also will compete against the Royal Navy, British Army and the Bermuda Athletic Association.

## Post 38 Wins Title

Irvington Legion Post 38 has won the 11th District basketball title with a forfeit over Galliard Post 107.

## Pacific Coast Baseball

Hollywood 5, Portland 4.  
Los Angeles 6, Sacramento 3.  
San Diego 5, San Francisco 6.  
Seattle 5, Oakland 4.



The Indianapolis Olympians got two of their 67 points against the Anderson Packers when Alex Groza (15) slipped under Milo Komenich's arms to score. Groza had the open-mouthed support of teammates Joe Holland (14) and Bruce Hale (7). Bill Closs tried to help Komenich, but in vain. Official Max Tabacchi, right, gave the basket his sanction.

## Buckshot Leads League Scorers

Butler Also Shares In Other Cage Honors

Butler and Buckshot didn't do so badly in Mid-America Conference and overall basketball play for the past season.

Here are the final statistics: Buckshot O'Brien led the scorers for overall season play with a 19.1 average in 24 games. That's 459 points. Bob Adams, of Western Michigan, was second with 362 points in 22 games, a 16.5 average.

Jim Doyle of Butler had 213 points in 24 games and Capt. Ralph Chapman made 160. Buckshot won the Mid-America scoring also, averaging 19.1 points per game and making 194 points. Adams had 17.6 average in 10 games, hitting 176 points. Doyle had a 9.9 average and 98 for a total in the loop.

Buck Tops Charity Averages

Western Michigan's Joe Shaw had the best percentage of shots made from the field, hitting 407, and Butler's Chapman was second with 400. Buck got 375, but he won the free throw percentage, racing a .796 average.

For a team that won only 12 of its 24 games, Butler pressed close to the leaders of the league in over-all games played.

The Bulldogs made the following record: Second to Western Michigan (.351) in percentage of field goals made, hitting .348. It was second Western Reserve (.626) with a .523 average from the free throw circle.

It was second to the Conference champs, Cincinnati (.551) defensively limiting the opposition to 55.7.

Cincinnati won the league title with 10 straight victories. Western Michigan was tied for second with Butler, each winning six of 10 games.

## It's O'Brien Again . . .

O'Brien captured an additional laurel when named to the All-Mid-America team by the United Press today. He was a shoe-in at one of the forward spots.

Jimmy Doyle of Butler made the second team. Other first team selections include: Dick Dallmer and Jim Holstein, Cincinnati, and Bob Adams, Western Michigan, and Joe Lesko, Western Reserve.

## Charley Rieg New Links Supervisor

Indianapolis had a new supervisor of municipal golf links today. He is Charley Rieg, pro-manager and greens superintendent of New Castle's American Legion course for the last 13 years.

Rieg, who will assume his duties here tomorrow, succeeds Stan Graves. Graves resigned to take a similar post in Cleveland. The city's new links chief is married and has one daughter, 14. Rieg will move his family here as soon as suitable housing can be found.

## Les Douglas Wins Hockey Award

Time Special

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 — The American Hockey League's most valuable player for the 1949-50 season is Cleveland's Les Douglas. Sportswriters and broadcasters in the 10 league cities have selected the veteran Barons' center to receive the Leslie Cunningham trophy and a league bonus of \$300.

Douglas, who led the loop in scoring this campaign with 100 points, received 33 of a possible 45 votes. Ad De Marco of Buffalo was runnerup with 19 votes and Terry Sawchuk, Indianapolis Caps' goalie, got 14 for third place.

Douglas had already received \$300 for being top scorer in the league and an additional \$300 for being chosen on the loop's all-star first team.

## Tag Match to Feature Tuesday Armory Card

Tuesday night's two-event Armory wrestling card will feature a roughhouse-Australian tag team match. Matchmaker Billy Thom said today that Jack O'Brien and "The Mad Baron" would team against Lone Eagle and Canada's Benny Becker.

Thom will add a special supporting bout to complete the card.

## Amateur Baseball

The Demarets, managed by Jack Chadwick, will hold their first workout at 10 a. m. Sunday in Washington Park. Managers interested in booking games with the Demarets may write Chadwick, 1034 W. 32d St.

## Spivey Holds Key To Billiard Title

One man's play will determine whether the 44th state three-cushion billiard championship tournament goes into overtime tonight.

The man is Lou Spivey of Indianapolis. Spivey is slated to meet Norman Ross, Michigan City, at 8:30 o'clock in the Board of Trade parlor. Ross has a 7-1 record and Spivey a 6-2 mark. Ross can clinch the title with a win. Spivey can send the tournament into a playoff with a victory.

Ross dropped Frank Hobart, Michigan City, 50-42, in 79 innings last night. The winner had a high run of seven. Hobart is slated to play Carl Gulbin, Ft. Wayne, at 4 o'clock. Gulbin defeated Jay Knapp, South Bend, 50-45, in 74 innings last night.

If Ross and Spivey are forced into a playoff, it probably will be a 150-point, three-block affair.

## State Badminton

## Tourney Scheduled

Birds will be flying Sunday and Monday at Billings Hospital. Ft. Harrison, Hoosier badminton players are going to hold a state tournament.

There will be competition in men's and women's singles and doubles and in the mixed doubles. No entry fee is asked, but contestants will be charged 25 cents a bird. Charles R. Armon, Billings Hospital, will receive entries until tomorrow night.

## Anderson's 84-67 Win On Home Floor Evens Series; No Fireworks

Sweetness and Light Prevail as State Cops Yawn on Sidelines; Locals Miss Jones, Beard

By JIM HEYROCK

It was either the calm before the storm or the old kill-'em-with-kindness routine.

The Indianapolis Olympians and the Anderson Packers all but bowed and made with prim little curtsies last night as the Packers evened the best two-of-three playoff series with a runaway, 84-to-67 victory over the Western Division winners in the Anderson High School gym.

And the capacity crowd of 4500 went home without seeing a drop of blood spilled. The king-sized squad of state policemen that was on hand to quell any disturbance stood yawning on the sidelines.

It might have been because of the plea issued over the public address system by Packers owner Ike Duffy prior to the game, requesting the fans to refrain from running onto the playing floor, throwing things or touching the players and officials.

The crowd, which included a large representation from Indianapolis, was ready for some fierce action after the happenings in the first game of the series last Tuesday night in Butler Fieldhouse.

Don't Even Argue

But the players helped each other off the floor, gently handed the ball to the officials and didn't even do much arguing over decisions.

It would be a safe bet that actions such as these are not here to stay. The Olympians and Packers meet in Butler Fieldhouse tomorrow night for the deciding game of the series. And there can be no doubt it will be a hard-fought battle with the \$3500 prize and the right to play the Central Division's playoff winner at stake.

In last night's tilt there were just 46 fouls called as compared with the 63 called in last Tuesday's game. And there were three officials used last night, Max Tabacchi and Bob Austin on the floor with Jim Biersdorfer at the scoring table.

The Olympians were without the services of two of their big offensive and defensive guns. Wah Wah Jones was not in uniform but was in the crowd with a large patch on his eye that covered the holes left by Ed Stanek's sharp elbow last Tuesday.

Beard Due to Return

Ralph Beard was the other casualty, having suffered an attack of the flu. Ralph did not attend the game but is expected to be in action tomorrow night. Jones will not see action for some time.

Carl Shaeffer got the starting call at the forward post last night in Jones' place and he did himself proud. He turned in one of his best performances, especially on the offense, hooping 11 points to tie with big Alex Groza.

Joe Holland led the scoring for the Olympians with 14 points on seven field goals.

It looked as though the Olympians were going to run away with the game until just before the end of the first half.

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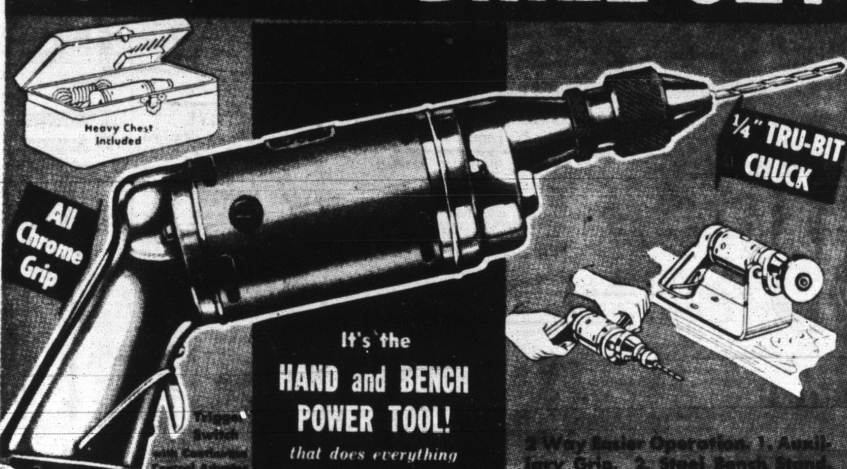
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