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# 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 FREUDENHAL, 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 championships.

Still, Gary may qualify enough material to hang on to the team title Froebel wrested 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 schoolboy 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 coped the 200-yard low hurdles for Gary Roosevelt; Gary Froebel's Lorenz 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 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 April 18 at Park School.

Won Three Letters

While at Washington, he won two letters in football and one monogram in track. 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 Butler 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 Intercollegiate Championships at Bermuda beginning April 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 4, Portland 4; Los Angeles 5, Sacramento 5; San Diego 5, San Francisco 4; Seattle 5, Oakland 4.

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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.

## 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.

The Olympians had racked up a five-point lead in a hurry on some next-to-impossible shots and it looked as if it were going to be a hot night for them. The count stood at 12-7 with the Olympians on the long end after Barker hit a pusher from the middle of the foul circle.

**Olymps' Lead Vanishes**  
It went to a 10-point advantage when Bruce Hale connected twice from the field and the Olympians led 21-11. They had the same margin at 23-13 when the first period ended.

Then, the Packers began shoving the lead, chiefly on the efforts of Charlie Black, who did an outstanding job for the hosts. They cut it to five points at 25-20.

And then with Jim Owens hitting from the far reaches and Bill Closs snagging two, the Packers had cut the Olymps' lead to 30-29.

**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 \$550 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 Bierendorfer as the scoring lead, each having 13.

**Tomorrow night's series clincher starts at 8:30 p. m.**  
**INDIANAPOLIS (67) — ANDERSON (54)**  
1st ft pt 1st ft pt 1st ft pt  
Holland, f. 0 0 1 Closs, f. 5 3 1  
Hawkins, f. 4 3 4 Harris, f. 5 3 1  
Shaeffer, f. 0 0 1 Black, c. 5 2 1  
Groza, c. 4 3 0 Black, c. 5 2 1  
Barker, g. 4 3 0 Brian, g. 5 2 1  
Hale, g. 3 3 0 Bierendorfer, g. 5 2 1  
Walther, g. 3 3 0 Niemars, g. 5 2 1  
Gates, g. 0 0 1 Gates, g. 5 2 1

Total 24 19 22 Total 21 22 27  
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**Pro Basketball**  
By United Press

**NBA STANDINGS**  
**Eastern Division (Best-of-Three)**  
1st ft pt 1st ft pt 1st ft pt  
Syracuse 1 0 0 1 Anderson 1 0 0 1  
New York 1 0 0 1 Indiana 1 0 0 1  
Central Division (Best-of-Three)  
1st ft pt 1st ft pt 1st ft pt  
Minneapolis 1 0 0 1 Indiana 1 0 0 1  
St. Louis 0 0 0 0 New York 1 0 0 1  
**Western Division (Best-of-Three)**  
1st ft pt 1st ft pt 1st ft pt  
INDIANAPOLIS 1 0 0 1 Anderson 1 0 0 1  
New York 0 0 0 0 Indiana 1 0 0 1

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