

Mikan Limp, But Olympos Lose Leg

Press Box— All-Stars Give Him Fits, Says A Salesman

He Finds Uniform
Sizes Are Startling

By JIM HEYROCK

"THESE SIZES CAN'T be right," exclaimed Hal Harris of Em-Roe Sporting Goods Co., as he scanned the list of the Indiana All-Star basketball team before ordering their uniforms. "Look what it says here," he pleaded, "we better make these right. These aren't basketball players; they're monsters. Look at the sizes. Here are three guys with size 46 shirts, and two of them have 36-inch sleeve lengths. "Where'd you get these giants? And look here," he added, pointing at the list of outstanding Indiana College basketball players, "here are four other guys that wear size 44." "And then, look at this, here's a guy that wears a size 38 shirt. What is this?"

WE DID OUR BEST to convince Mr. Harris that those were the actual sizes of our All-Stars. He folded the list, tucked it into his order book and walked away. "Wadda you expect the Olympos to do against these giants?" he asked, more to himself than anybody else.

A lot of material will go into those uniforms and sweat suits, because this is one of the tallest squads ever assembled. Only two of them are under the six-foot mark. That leaves 14 that tower above a half-dozen feet toward the ceiling.

THESE "GIANTS" to borrow the term from Mr. Harris, feel that the Indiana Olympos are a bit of a joke. They're coming to Indianapolis to try it Apr. 14 in Butler Fieldhouse.

It's the second annual game sponsored by the Indianapolis Times Charity Fund.

The idea was started last year after somebody started cracking off about whether a really rugged



UP AND UNDER—Paul Walther, the Olympos' thin man, goes flying for a bucket against the Minneapolis Lakers last night. This bit of action took place in the first quarter of the game. It did little good as George Mikan & Co. tromped the Hoosiers in the opening playoff game. Trying to stop Walther is Vern Mikkelsen (19) while Alex Groza (15) and Laker Bob Harrison look on.

bunch of college boys could stand up against a top professional club.

Well, the Olympos outplayed them by 10 points last year. But the game was a success and the fans enjoyed seeing the college boys run against the Olympos.

BUT THIS YEAR, the All-Star team is much stronger with practically all of the outstanding college ball players in the state on the squad this season.

The 16 players are coming to Indianapolis to try it Apr. 14 in Butler Fieldhouse.

Each player has been outstanding in his college team this past season.

The biggest boys, both in height

and general size are Jack Brown, Indiana; Jim Ove, Valparaiso; Norm Greiner, Purdue; Dwight Swails, Indiana Central, and Lloyd Smith, Franklin.

LET'S TAKE LLOYD SMITH for example. He is 6-2 and weighs 215 with biceps bulging in every direction. There are few on the pro or amateur courts that will push him around.

Lloyd has had a good record on the basketball court, piling up a field goal percentage of .441 for the past two years. His high game was 36 points, when he marked up 36 points in a total of 408 points this past season.

But Lloyd has other claims to fame. He heaves the javelin, too. And the only time he has been beaten in tossing the spear was in the NCAA meet last spring. His longest toss was 204 feet against Butler last year.

BROWN AND OVE are 6-4 and Swails is 6-5. Greiner is "only" 6-2, but is well muscled. Hinkle will have four centers with which to work. But they work out well at other spots, too. He might be able to form his "dream" combination.

Flanner House Cagers To Hear Shaw Monday

Flanner House basketball teams will be feted at a banquet at 6:30 p. m. Monday and there'll be a special treat scheduled with the appearance of Speedway President Wilbur Shaw as principle speaker.

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AT BUREAU, CAL.
Cleveland (A)..... 200 000 022-8 11 0
St. Louis (N)..... 010 010 01-4 12 0
Wynn, Chakale (7) and Hagan (8) won. Fannin (6) and Lollar, Home runs. Dyk, Lottin.

AT HOLLYWOOD, CAL.
New York (A)..... 000 102 000-3 7 0
Hollywood (N)..... 000 000 1-4 12 0
Shna, Ostrowski (5), Muncie (7), Peterson (8) and Hagan (10) won. Salverson (6) and Paenke, Home runs. Houk, Paenke, Sauer (2).

AT MIAMI, FLA.
Philadelphia (N)..... 000 000 210-5 9 1
Brooklyn (N)..... 010 010 01-3 9 2
Roberts, Konstanty (5) and Wilber, Van Cuyk, Moore (7), Volselle (8) and Edwards, Winning pitcher. Konstanty, Lottin pitcher. Moore.

AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.
Philadelphia (A)..... 000 104 000-5 9 2
Toronto (N)..... 110 002 018-6 8 2
Brubaker, Hooper (5), Puckard (10) and Astor, Hetti, Hayden (6) and Hetti, Winning pitcher. Haudon, Lottin pitcher. Portocarrero, Home run. Rutter, Wahl, Ostrowski, Coleman (10), Hetti.

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Big George Scores 41 As Lakers Win Playoff Series Opener, 95-81

Indianapolis Club Outrun and Outfought,
Groza Bottled Up; 2d Game Here Tomorrow

By FRANK ANDERSON

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 22—George Mikan of the Minneapolis Lakers had a lame ankle today. But the Indianapolis Olympos were doing the limping.

Seems the "invalid" NBA playoff chances were crippled last night in Minneapolis Auditorium by that very spry "invalid" Mikan. All George did was score 41 points as the Lakers beat the Olympos, 95-81, in the first game of their best-of-three NBA playoff.

The car that carried the Olympos home today wasn't part of a funeral train. But there were 10 bodies aboard who looked for better things in the hereafter. The hereafter being the second game with the Lakers tomorrow night in Butler Fieldhouse. The 10 bodies belonged to Olympos players. And tired bodies they were.

Tradition Broken
The Lakers punished Olympos morale more than anything else. The mighty Minnesotans led all the way, did everything easy, outran and outfought the Olympos. Teams have defeated the Olympos before without outrunning or outfoughting them. It's against Olympos tradition.

Despite tradition, though, the Olympos just didn't have it. Their chief threat, Alex Groza, was outplayed by Mikan and Vern Mikkelsen most of the way. Groza was held to a measly four points in the first half as Mikan sniped 17. As Groza goes, so goes the Olympos. It was as simple as that.

His 354 points all season bettered the 322-point mark set by Morris Melburn. His 499 points was highest total for combined junior and senior years.

His 144 field goals were an all-time high for one season. His 17.8 average, including sectional, was highest in history. Note: He has an athletic scholarship from Butler. And he's an "A" pupil.

Outside then under, that was Mikan. Feed, fake and tap, that was Mikkelsen. Rebound, bound and abscond, that was Pollard.

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