

Mikan Limps, But Olymps 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. There 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 Olympians 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.

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UP AND UNDER—Paul Walther, the Olymps' 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. trounced the Hoosiers in the opening playoff game. On top, 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 Olympians outplayed the game was a success and the fans enjoyed seeing the college boys run against the Olympians.

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.

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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 .411 for the past two years. His high to date is 215 with biceps bulging in every direction. There are few on the pro or amateur courts that will push him around.

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Bob Hage Cited; He Also Gets 'A' For His Efforts

Warren Central's Bob Hage, who almost re-wrote the record book for the Warriors this year, has been named honorary captain by his teammates.

Among Hage's accomplishments were:

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