

Suburban Prep Cagers Return to Action With Slate of 82 Games

18 Circuits Start Bids for '41 Titles

Campaigns Are in Red-Hot Stages as Leads Shift

By ART LENTZ
SUBURBAN high school basketball gets back into the thick of conference business this week with a total of 82 games listed for 18 circuits.

A few scattering games were played last week but the only important development was the defeat of Columbus by Oconomowoc and its subsequent removal from the leadership deadlock in the Little Ten.

This week, however, the respective conference races will begin to tighten up and the week's slate offers prospects of red-hot battles typical of this stage of the campaigns.

Here's how the 18 conference races stack up currently:

BLACKHAWK
Hazel Green, tied with New Diggings for the unbeaten Blackhawk leadership, expects a tough battle from Belmont and so its Friday night engagement rates the top. New Diggings, unbeaten in all eight games played this season, hopes to make its nine in a row by winning from the defending champions at South Wayne. Shullsburg plays at Benton, hoping for an initial win.

DUAL COUNTY
Sole leadership of the Dual County conference is the prize for the winner of the Cambria-Randolph game this Friday. Randolph, title winners for the past two seasons, is three in four starts; Cambria, unbeaten, is one in three. In the meantime, Parkville hopes to raise its challenging position by turning back the surprise of the league, Fox Lake. Fall River plays at Reeseville and Rio is at Poyettie in other loop encounters.

DANE COUNTY JUNIOR
McFarland has a good chance to increase its lead in the Dane County Junior cage circuit this Tuesday night by winning from the defending champion, Cottage Grove. The latter has yet to win a game and stands little chance of victory against the strong McFarland team which is sparked by Jimmy Thompson, author of 50 points in two games. Sun Prairie could take over the lead by downing Cross Plains there, should McFarland stumble.

IOWA COUNTY
The leadership of Iowa County varies standings is not likely to change this week since unbeaten Montfort has only Livingston, Cobb at Highland on Tuesday night and Ridgeway at Linden Friday night offer the best prospects of interesting battles. Revere is host to co-defending champion Barneveld in the third game listed for Friday night and is slated for its seventh straight loop defeat.

In the reserve division, Highland is the unbeaten leader and should easily retain that position against Cobb's invasion.

JUNEAU COUNTY
A fight to get into first division looms in two games slated for Juneau County teams this Friday. Mauston is at Hillsboro and Necedah at Elroy with the winners taking over the better ratings. Meanwhile New Lisbon, unbeaten in its quest for a fifth straight title, travels to Camp Douglas and should have no trouble commanding the Colonels.

KICKAPOO VALLEY
A battle for the undisputed lead and the debut of a new coach are the highlights of Friday's program for the Kickapoo Valley. Unbeaten LaFarge enters its first place partner, West Lima, with the latter also striving to maintain a perfect season as well. Ray Garrison replaces Len Schmitt as coach of Soldiers Grove, figures to start the five-time defending champions back on the victory trail at Gays Mills. Jack McCoy and his Wausau mates also expect to advance at the expense of Viola in the other game scheduled.

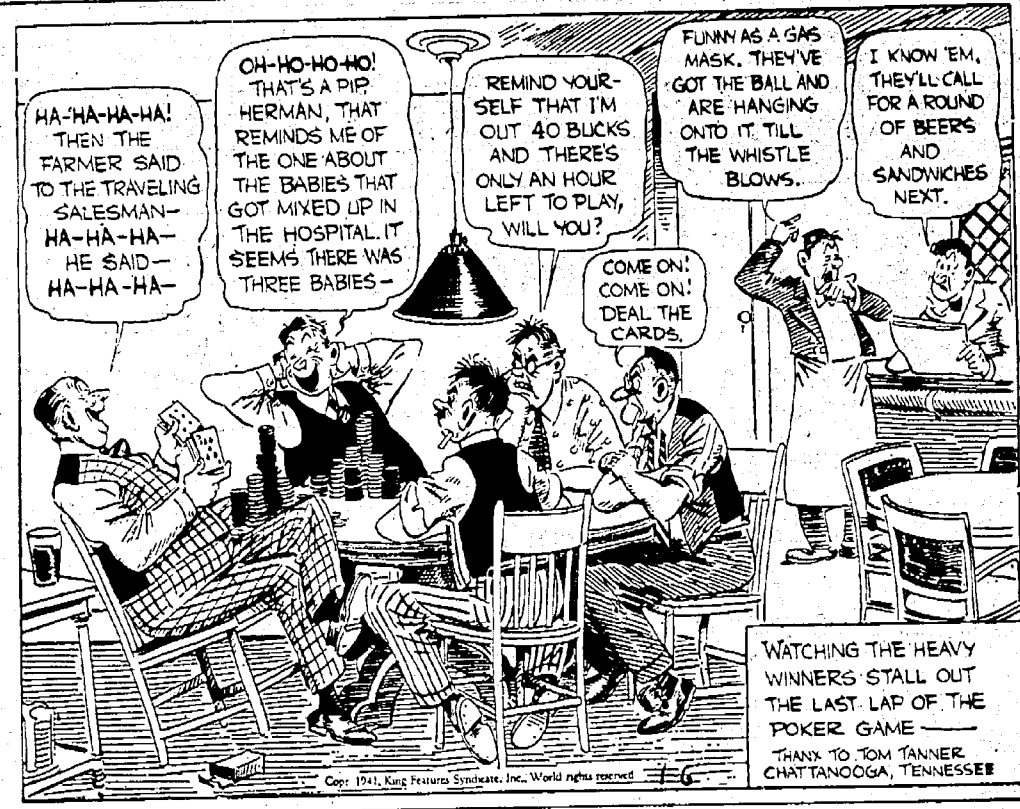
LITTLE TEN
With Columbus dropped from a share of the lead, the remaining partners, Beaver Dam and Horicon, seek to retain the unbeaten status. The Beavers are at Hartford and should win while the defending champion Horicon should extend its two-year string of Little Ten wins to 13 in a row at Mayville. Berlin plays at Oconomowoc, Ripon at Columbus, and Waupun at West Bend, in the other games. Berlin and Hartford are unbeaten co-leaders in the "B" division.

MADISON SUBURBAN
The list of unbeaten leaders in the Madison Suburban will be cut in half this Friday night as a result of two top-notch games. Defending champion Johnson Creek plays at Cambridge while Oregon enters Sun Prairie. All have missed defeat in loop play thus far. Johnson Creek also is unbeaten in seven games played for the current season. Other games find DeForest at Deerfield, Middleton at Verona, and Marshall at Waterloo; thus presenting the best matched slate of any conference thus far.

MONROE-VERNON
It's possible for Coach Bernard Derr's Cashon team to win the leadership of the Monroe-Vernon conference but it will have to win at Kendall while Wilton upsets the defending champion at Westby. The latter is unbeaten in two starts. Norwalk hopes to retain a first division berth by defeating Ontario there in the other Friday night loop engagement.

ROCK VALLEY
Top battle of the Rock Valley circuit is to be found at Whitewater this Thursday night when the defending champion, Lake Mills and Whitewater College high school teams clash. Both teams, who tied for the title two seasons ago, are unbeaten in three loop starts and the game rates a tossup. Each split record and the series with Fort Atkinson and it may be that the home floor advantage may turn the tide. Jefferson

They'll Do It Every Time ★ By Jimmy Hatlo



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Clayton Heffner, Linville, N. C., and Ben Hogan White Plains, N. Y., whose 70 put him back in the running. A shot back were Lawson Little, National Open and defending champion, and Craig Wood, Mamaroneck, N. Y. Little created a stir yesterday when he four-putted the 18th green, a record for the tournament.

Poja Suffers Head Injury in Chicago Loss
(From First Sports Page)
Milwaukee (AP)—Marquette lost a basketball game to the University of Chicago Saturday night, 34 to 28, and returned home minus Mike Poja, sophomore forward, who suffered a slight brain concussion in the final minutes of the game.

Janesville Digs In For Entry in Class D Loop
(From First Sports Page)
JANESVILLE, Wis.—(AP)—City Manager Henry Traxler, chairman of a committee interested in obtaining a class D franchise for Janesville in the Wisconsin State baseball league, will preside at an organization meeting Wednesday night.

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Preps
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cellar via three straight losses.

This week's card can make or break the first four teams. Horlick, on the basis of past performance, is rated favorite over Park, but a win for Coach Clark Van Gelder's speedsters is not unlikely and if it develops then a four-way tie for first will result if East time West and Beloit down Central. A Horlick victory, however, would make the Nelson gang very hard to catch from now on in.

As the new year takes over, here is how the two southern Wisconsin conference stack up in the statistics columns:

Horlick Is Top Team
BIG EIGHT: Horlick leading the league, undefeated, tops in scoring with 84 points. East, Beloit and Park tied for second, Beloit taking second offensive honors with 73 points. Leading individual scorer is Norman "Gabby" Hartman, with 31 markers in three games, two ahead of Frank Dooley of Beloit. Defensively, Madison East is the No. 1 team, holding opponents to 55 points in three games.

SOUTHERN SIX: Watertown, on top, undefeated in two starts, leading in scoring with 60 points. Wisconsin High, Monroe, Edgerton and Stoughton deadlocked for second with a win and a loss apiece. Individual scoring leader is Bob Sweeney, Edgerton, with 32 points, and Tom Wright, Wisconsin High, right behind with 24, two more than Bill Johnson, Monroe.

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The Angel
(From First Sports Page)
been better to speak in gutturals and grunts before "an journalist," a chap who reminded The Angel of "fleur de lys" because he had wavy hair and a thick-lensed pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. A chap who can break a bubble of a Neanderthal "throwback" with 10 strokes of Royal typewriter No. 2240858. But not The Angel. He wants you to know he is just a "sad Frenchman" who weeps with sorrow over his country's death. A man and not a monstrosity who looks at you intently and who speaks in a soft, clear voice.

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5 1/2 Million Saw American Loop in 1940
(From First Sports Page)
To make this story official, about 800 saw Sunday's bouts at the Eagles club, promoted by Demetral, and saw Charles Ryan, Indianapolis, and Olaf Olson, Milwaukee, in a draw; Hans Steinke, veteran grappler from Los Angeles, pin Charlie Manogian of Boston in 20 minutes and Joe Esposito, Detroit, Chicago, pin Pete Baltan of Chicago in 19 minutes. It was an all-heavyweight card.

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Nice Work, Tommy!



Making motion pictures would be nice work, figures Tom Harmon, Michigan's football star, if you can get it. Harmon took a screen test in Hollywood, under the direction of Ralph Murray (left) and spent a lot of time kissing Lillian Cornell for the recording cameras.

Three Amateur Net Leaders Clash in Tampa Tourney

TAMPA, Fla.—(AP)—A glimpse of what's in the cards for the amateur tennis world in 1941 was in prospect today with the opening of the Dixie tournament in which the top three men players of the country are competing.

The tournament provides Bobby Riggs of Chicago, the 1939 men's singles champion and currently ranked No. 2 nationally, a chance to exact a comeback at the expense of Don McNeill of Oklahoma City who lifted his title at Forest Hills last summer to rank No. 1 rating.

McNeill is seeded first and Riggs second, and they are favored to meet in the finals Sunday, but nobody is betting too heavily on the prospects.

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Pahl Tires New Entry In Volleyball Loop
The Pahl Tire Co. team has replaced the Fire Department No. 1 team in the municipal recreation men's volleyball league, it was announced today by recreation division officials. In its first match, the Pahl Tire Co. will meet the league leading Turvermen tonight at Lapham school, starting at 8 o'clock.

LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY RESULTS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Detroit 3, Montreal 0.
Boston 2, Chicago 2 (overtime tie).
NEW YORK RANGERS 6, NEW YORK AMERICANS 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Indianapolis 2, Philadelphia 1.
Springfield 5, Cleveland 2.
Buffalo 8, Pittsburgh 2.

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Schaefer and Hoppe Renew Billiard Feud

Stars Clash in 480 Point Cue Match Today

CHICAGO—(AP)—The Hatfields and the McCoys didn't have anything on the Schaefer and Willie Hoppe—except numbers.

The 54-year-old Hoppe has been battling the Jake Schaefer—father and son—for more than 30 years for supremacy at various forms of billiards.

This feud was resumed today at Bensinger's downtown billiards academy when Hoppe squared off against Jake Schaefer Jr. in a 480-point challenge match for the world's 3-cushion championship. They will contest daily for 120 points, bringing the engagement to a close Thursday night.

Hoppe, who won his first world's title in 1906, regained the angle crown last year in a round-robin tournament with the world's best players. Schaefer, 44 years old and king of the balkliners as also was his father, finished second in that tourney, and earned the right to challenge the champion.

Hoppe and Jake Schaefer Sr., who was winning balkline titles before the turn of the century, began their rivalry around 1907 and it continued for many years.

When the elder Schaefer died, young Jake fought to uphold the family honors in the sport. He has engaged in many heated battles with the cool New Yorker in the past 20 years.

The championship might not stay long in one place regardless of who wins the Hoppe-Schaefer match. Both are entered in the annual world's championship tournament which begins here next Monday and has attracted 18 of the world's leading 3-cushion stars, including six former champions. Each entrant will play every other player once, thus requiring every contestant to play 17 matches during the month-long competition.

Blackhawks in 2-2 Tie With Boston Sextet

BOSTON—(AP)—The Chicago Blackhawks defenseman gave Sam Lopresti, their rookie goalie, stout support while gaining a National Hockey league overtime tie with the Boston Bruins, 2-2, Sunday night before a 12,000 crowd at the Boston Garden.

Lopresti, called up from the St. Paul American association club to spell the injured Paul Goodman, made his major league debut an impressive affair. He turned back all but two of the 29 shots the Bruins aimed at him during the 70 minutes play.

His first miss was a fluke, for a Chicago defenseman deflected the first Boston goal, credited to Rookie Terry Reardon, into the Chicago cage.

Referee Frank "King" Clancy handed out 10 penalties. While Feh Hollett was serving the first one, Joe Cooper countered for the Blackhawks.

Oshkosh All-Stars Tip Akron Goodyears, 35-33

OSHKOSH, Wis.—(AP)—The Oshkosh All-Stars took a 35 to 33 basketball thriller Saturday night from the Akron Goodyears of the National Pro League.

Trailing most of the contest, the Stars went ahead on Putnam's last minute field goal. The Stars, undefeated, in seven league games, hold undisputed first place.

Mt. Horeb Protects Rifle Lead on Tuesday

MT. HOREB, Wis.—(Special)—Mt. Horeb protects its unbeaten lead in the Southwestern Wisconsin Rifle league here Tuesday night when it plays host to Mineral Point. Mt. Horeb has won four straight matches.

In other matches for league teams, Argyle travels to Plattville and Darlington goes to Blanchardville.

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