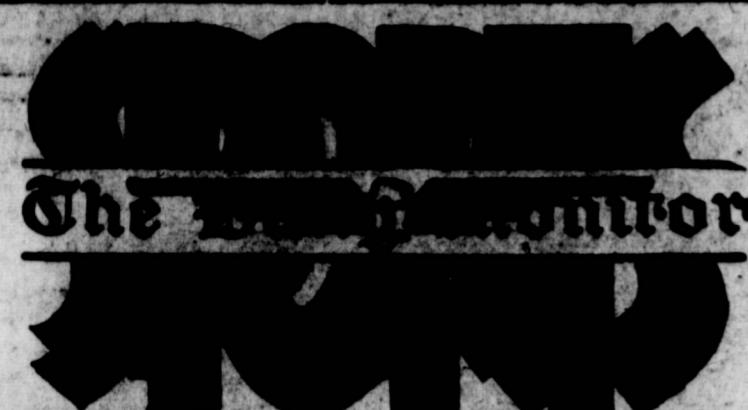


HOWIE'S WINS EIGHTH STRAIGHT GAME



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The Sports Glass

—John Clifford

Checking back on the individual scoring efforts of members of the Mount Clemens basketball team we find that Ralph Siewert leads in points per game with an average of 6.75 for the eight games the Bathers have played thus far this season.

The big center leads his team mate and captain, Walter Bobcean, by a little less than point a game, the latter having an average for the same number of games of 5.62.

It's There But It Doesn't Show

Next in order come Ken Strassburg with an average of 4.0, Howard Tate with 3.43 for seven games, Bernard Roskopp with 2.75, Bob Plegue with 2.4, and Warren Krause with 1.0.

Siewert has the height and should garner points, especially around the basket. But his average, tops as it is among his team mates, leaves much to be desired. Ralph should be averaging 10 points a game without too much effort.

Bobcean seems to be an up-and-down player. One day he's hot and the next lukewarm. He's a smart player with plenty of fight and usually awake to scoring opportunities. With a little more consistency he would lead his team in scoring.

Strassburg is a rugged player and he can get points when he's fired to the job. But Tate seems to measure up as the best prospect, although he shows the need of a little more training.

Team Weak at Foul Line
A great weakness of the Bathers scoring attack lies in their inability to collect foul shots. Had they been strong on the static side of the game they would have taken a much wanted contest from a highly touted Fordson aggregation. In that game, however, they sank only nine out of 18 tries, for an average of .500—poor in any man's league.

Reliable authorities of the game maintain that a high school team should average .600 on its free throws or better without spending all of its practice hours on the foul line. The Bathers are short of the minimum. In eight contests they have scored only 43 points by fouls, which means they have averaged 7.12 points a game by this important scoring route. Howard Tate claims the best average 1.43 points per game. That alone gives a fairly vivid picture of the issue now in question.

Practice Makes Perfect

Fouls are as important to basketball, even more so, as placements are in football. Many a game is decided upon the deadliness of the foul shooters on both sides. And there is really no excuse for a pronounced weakness in this department of the game. Little technique is involved—just a fairly good eye and constant practice. Practice, as is usually the case, the most important single factor to be considered.

We expect the Bathers are already looking to the weakness and patching it up. If so, we expect they will take a couple of more games—on the gravy.

Boilermakers Move Into Fourth Place

**Batt Illinois 46-29
to Go into 3-Way Tie**

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(P)—Purdue's two-victory spurt over the week-end has confirmed the suspicion that it's too early to count the Big Ten's defending champions out of the basketball title picture.

The Boilermakers lost two of their first three games but bounced back brilliantly Saturday with a decision over Indiana and followed up with a 17-point margin over Illinois last night. The score was 46 to 30. This moved the champions from seventh place into a three-way tie for fourth.

Purdue should continue its upward march Saturday at Lafayette in a clash with Chicago, another five which has lost four straight. The Maroons bowed to Iowa last night, 56 to 36, and Joe Stamps' 14-point

Layden Takes \$20,000 Job as Pro Boss

Famed 'Horsemen' Gives Up Post at Notre Dame

BY TOM SILVER

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(P)—Professional football has a new boss—scholarly, 37-year-old Elmer Layden—and Notre Dame is looking for a new gridiron coach.

Layden accepted a five-year contract at \$20,000 annually yesterday as Commissioner and resigned as head coach and athletic director of the institution where he was an All-American half-back, one of the famed "Four Horsemen" 17 years ago.

The Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, C. C. S. president, accepted Layden's resignation, but issued no statement as to his successor for the job, considered one of the choicest coaching positions in the collegiate football world.

Several former Notre Dame stars already have been mentioned as likely candidates—Dr. Edward Anderson, Iowa; Buck Shaw, Santa Clara; Jimmy Phelan, University of Washington; Jack Meagher, Auburn, and Jimmy Crowley, Fordham.

Layden said he was "deeply indebted to my Alma Mater for the years of consideration and cooperation I have received as a student, athlete and coach."

"It is with regret that I leave the University," he added. "The future welfare of my family influenced my decision."

DORAI'S DECLINES NOTRE DAME POST

DETROIT, Feb. 4.—(P)—Football Coach Gus Dorais of the University of Detroit, said last night he would not accept the job of head coach and athletic director at Notre Dame University "as long as the voters have confidence in me."

Dorais, who was mentioned prominently for the Notre Dame post before the appointment of Elmer Layden in 1933, referred jokingly to his election last year as a Detroit City Councilman.

His salary at Notre Dame was reported to be about \$10,000.

The National Football League and subsidiary circuits have been seeking a prominent sports figure for several months to rule the sport as Kenesaw M. Landis rules baseball. The club owners, however, emphasized that the creation of the Commissioner would in no way affect the status of Carl Storch of Dayton, O. president since the death of Joe Carr of Columbus, O., two years ago. Layden's duties will be defined further when the League holds its annual meeting here in April.

Layden is a native of Davenport, Ia., where he was a brilliant grade school and high school athlete. He made the Notre Dame team as a sophomore in 1922, playing three years under the immortal Knute Rockne. He accepted a coaching position at Columbia College, Dubuque, Ia., following his graduation.

Duquesne University lured him away from Columbia in 1927, Layden coaching there seven years until Notre Dame hired him to succeed Hunk Anderson in 1934.

Irish football teams under Layden won 46 games, lost 14 and tied three during his eight years at the helm. His finest machine was the 1938 Notre Dame squad which won eight games, losing only to Southern California.

In accepting the new job Layden described professional football as "the fastest growing institution in American sport," and added:

"I hope and believe I can be helpful in the further development of the organization. We shall continue to safeguard the status of intercollegiate football. There is a place for both games."

BALTIMORE — Big Jim Thompson, 239, Pittsburgh, outpointed Abe Simon, 254, New York, (10).

CHICAGO—Davey Day, 135, Chicago, outpointed Billy Marquart, 138, Winnipeg, Man. (10); Lem Franklin, 199, Cleveland, knocked out Carl Vinciguerra, 190 1/2, Omaha, Neb. (4); Quentin (Baby) Bresne, 138, Manhattan, Kans., outpointed Jimmy Tygh, 136 1/2, Philadelphia (10).

NEW YORK—Maxie Berger, 143 1/2, Montreal, outpointed Bobby McIntyre, 139 1/2, Detroit (8); Monte Pignatore, 135 1/2, New York, and Frankie (Chief Crazy Horse) Martin, 132 1/2, Pasadena, Calif., drew (8).

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Larry Boalvin, 126 1/2, Providence, knocked out Joey Archibald, 136 1/2, Providence (4).

NEWARK, N. J.—Vinnie Vines, 146, Schenectady, N. Y., knocked out Irish Eddie Dunne, 148, New York (1); Frankie Duane, 134, Elizabeth, N. J., outpointed Pepe Galiano, 137, Baltimore (8).

NEW ORLEANS—Saverio Turilli, 146, New York, outpointed Jerome Conforto, 145, New Orleans (10).

Penn State's Passing Game Effective As Rhode Island's Free Shooting Style

By DON SANDERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Basketball seems to be headed in two widely divergent directions.

One is the free-scoring, fire-horse school as demonstrated by Frank Keaney's Rhode Island State aggregation; the other, the slow, deliberate offensive developed by John Lawther at Penn State.

Neither type of play is new, except in the lengths to which it has been carried.

New York coaches and critics remain skeptical, despite Penn State's upset victory over New York University and Rhode Island's defeat of St. Francis.

Rhode Island, the two-point-a-minute team which has dominated New England for five years, breaks faster and shoots more than any team seen in these parts in years.

Big, genial Frank Keaney has two pet theories around which his system revolves:

1. The more one shoots, the more points he'll make, since the percentage of successful shots made will remain approximately the same.

2. A long pass is superior to a lot of short ones because, with the latter, one error curtails the play. With the former, with a 50-50 chance of succeeding, a completed play is enough to demoralize an opponent.

In practice, Keaney puts his 260-pound son, Warner, under the basket to get the ball after a score or missed shot. Warner Keaney, a baseball pitcher of some ability, ruffles the ball the length of the court to Stutz and the Rams have a good chance to score.

LIONS MAKE 45 PER CENT OF SHOTS AGAINST N.Y.U.

At the opposite side of the picture is Lawther. During his highly successful regime at little Westminster, the scholarly Penn State coach was one of the originators of the sliding zone defense, in which the defensive change as the offensive threat shifts.

Westminster, a great basketball school, combined a high-scoring offense with the sliding zone. But when Lawther arrived at State College, where the sport had just been breaking even, he found no phenomenal scorers.

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So he developed the deliberate offense on a theory just the reverse of that held by Keaney.

Penn State play hinges around Johnny Barr of Shamokin,

He figures the percentage of successful shots can be increased by being reasonably sure of a basket before shooting.

New York writers attribute the Nittany Lions' snapping of N. Y. U.'s streak of triumph to

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