

1905 IU-Purdue game played in Indianapolis

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on the gridiron, having already not only defeated Butler, Kentucky State and Washington University, but holding those teams scoreless while running up 99 points against them. The only defeat was at the hands of the University of Chicago team (16-5).

Enthusiastic Bloomington fans took advantage of special Monon trains that took them to Limesdale, where the Vandalia line took over. The University band and fans converged at the station in Indianapolis and marched together to the Grand Hotel, headquarters for those backing the IU team.

On the eve of the game, the *Courier* reported to its readers that "Purdue will not underestimate Indiana's strength in Saturday's contest at the Capital city and will go into the game to fight to the last . . . The Purdue team may go down Friday afternoon for short signal practice on the Washington Park gridiron. However, it is possible the men will be kept at home until Saturday morning. Coach

Herrnstein will settle the matter today. He favors every man's sleeping in his own bed the night before the contest, where he can get his bed rest . . ."

At the IU pep rally Coach James Sheldon told the fans that there were two requisites to success. "The first is the spirit in the team to go into the game and fight to the last ditch. The second is the determination of the rooters to support the team, no matter which way the ball is going."

Each team received some \$3,200 in proceeds from the game, considered a "lift" to the IU athletic program. The Monon Railroad officials were happy, having made approximately \$1,000 from passenger tickets. It was no doubt the *Courier's* comments about how many of the Bloomington men and IU alumni "in this and other cities" who "cleaned up on the game," that prompted William Lowe Bryan to make a public statement about the evils of betting on athletic contests.

Who won the game? The score, an 11-11 tie, was called a "moral victory" for IU by the Indianapolis *Star*.