

# Bobtales

By BOB FALLSTROM

DEAR READERS: May we wish one and all a Merry Christmas!

Since there's no column to pound out tomorrow and the holiday mood has begun to permeate the office, we offer a take-off on Santa by awarding local sports figures the following Xmas gifts (self-explanatory, of course):

L. H. Davison (L for Lip)—A victory over Beloit.

Gerry Arnold—A shiny City league title.

"Barney" Barnhart—One tire and wheel set.

Paul Potts—100,000 new Manhattan customers.

Willard Jones—A batch of Scotch Dime wine.

Johnny Ginger and Cal Auld—Bill Shultz.

Hi Eamert—A successful 1947 diamond campaign.

C. B. Lindell—One new duck shooting blunderbuss.

George Covert—A bottle of foot balm to ease those achin' dogs.

Bob Messner—A victory period.

Jimmy Bales—A group of new Jones jokes.

Joe Lehman—One practice court at Harmon.

Paul Hammersmith—An undefeated season for Champaign.

Frank Nyxlon—A few games.

Bill Guppy—Subscription to 1947 correspondence course.

Hank Henry—Triumph over B & A.

A. C. Bowers—Copy of reassued Joe Miller joke book.

Paul Crafts—Route 72 crown.

Don Yountmark—A new sweatshirt.

Randall Ward—Some new top soil.

Friday Shultz—Lots of strikes and spares.

Wally Coon—A seven-tooter to embellish his F. S. sky-scraper.

The Duke—A return to winning ways.

Don Higgs—The neck of the turkey.

Loa Bevilacqua—Return trip to Senators next summer.

Nelson Potter—Revision of state trapping laws.

"Red" Valle—Another 25 years at the of stand.

Frank Weng—One more 105-yard run.

"Dutch" Siero—A couple of hefty footballers.

Mike McDonald—Two new medals.

Dixon fans—A memorable 1947 in local sports.

To those we may have missed—A joyous Xmas replete with white shirts, new automobiles, etc.

YOUR INDICAN GIVER, "FLAGSTAFF"

# PAW PAW CAPTAINS DEFEAT B&A

## Top Man and Trophy



Cadet Glenn Davis, Army's All-America back, poses proudly with Heisman Memorial Trophy awarded for individual excellence by lower New York's Downtown Athletic Club.

## Caps Present Hot-Shooting Balanced 5

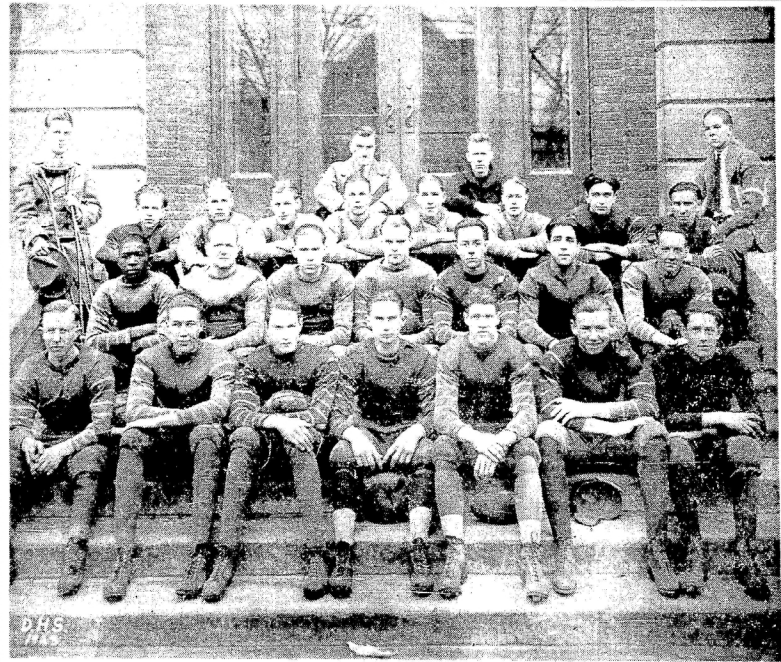
A hot-shooting Paw Paw band handed Dixon's B & A City league leaders a 51-12 defeat last night on the Paw Paw high school court.

Showing a balanced attack, the victors, dubbed Captains, hit from all angles. Each of five players racked up six points or better. Center Kermit Knetsch paced the scoring with four buckets and four free throws for 12 centers.

Bill Carmaha contributed five field goals to the Paw Paw attack.

On Dixon's scorebook, Forward Roger Bivins ranked No. 1 on nine baskets. Bob Marshall chalked up six from the field. B & A out-pointed the hosts, 20 to 19, in the two-quarter department but could garner only two charities. The Captains marked up 13 from the free throw line.

The outfits battled to a 11-11 deadlock in the opening stanza. Bivins flipped in three B & A buckets and Vaile a pair while every member of the Captains was contributing at least one point.



This is the 1923 Dixon high school football machine, which numbered many now prominent Dixonites. In the back row are Harold "Tuffy" Jones (with crutches), halfback; Assistant Coach John N. Weiss; Coach Arthur C. Bowers, and Manager Clifford Gumm. Second row: George O'Malley, Rodarik Warr, the late Gordon McNicol, halfback; Ferris Rymerson, quarterback; Hugh Smith, Glenn Philip, tackle; George Aschenbrenner, guard; Captain Don Rosecrans, center; the late Joe Keyser, guard; Gus Bondi, tackle; and John Lahey, end. Bottom row: Harold Coss, end; Bill Johnson, Lyle "Bud" Prescott, Dana Messer, George Morris, fullback; Ken Thome, Neil Reagan.

## Race Rhubarb Cancels Tilt

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 24.—More than 2,000 fans were left waiting last night when the Tennessee basketball team refused to take the floor because Duquesne Coach Chick Davis wouldn't promise not to use a Negro player.

Davis and Coach John W. Mauer of the Vols held a two-hour conference before the game was finally cancelled and the disappointed fans sent home.

Davis said he had agreed not to use freshman star Charley Cooper "unless he had to in a close game," but that this did not satisfy the Vols coach.

Mauer, who is a native of Illinois said: "All 'Southern Boys'."

"When there was no assurance the Negro player would not appear, my boys said they wouldn't play. They are all southern boys and you understand the situation which confronted me."

Davis said he had put Tennessee's ultimatum up to the squad in the dressing room.

"Cooper told the team he wouldn't mind if they decided to play without him because 'he didn't want to be the cause of any trouble.' The Duquesne mentor said, 'but the boys told him he was a member of the squad and as long as he continued a member of the squad he would play in their games.'"

## Caps Gain Lead

In the next quarter, Paw Paw raced away to a commanding lead by netting 13 points while limiting B & A to a single shot. Marshall swished the lone Dixon tally. Knetsch and Jim Rafferty poured five points each home for Paw Paw.

Leading 27-16, the Captains proceeded to add 16 centers in the third canto to Dixon's 14. Marshall hooped three scores but once again the hosts' balanced offense operated smoothly; five players splitting the scoring.

B & A pulled out 12 markers in the final stanza, gaining four. Bivins was the mainstay of the drive, potting four from the floor.

Most of the Paw Paw boys are college students, home for the Christmas holidays. They are all former high school stickouts at Paw Paw.

## Eddie Miller to Hang Up Spikes

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Eddie Miller, recognized as one of baseball's best shortstops during his four years' service with the Cincinnati Reds, plans to hang up his spikes for good.

Announcing his retirement last night, he said he was quitting because he was "worried about the condition of my arm and also annoyed by my inability to hit for a respectable average." He said his "strong right arm, which kept him on the bench for a good part of last season, was not responding properly to medical treatment."

He hit only 194 in 91 games for Cincinnati in 1945.

Miller never was a very handy man with the stick but he led National league shortstops in fielding with numerous awards, etc., during three years and won nomination to three All-Star teams. He was picked for the All-Star game last season but asked to be excused so he could rest his arm.

Plans Business Career

The star infielder, who is 30, said he planned to enter business but would not discuss its nature. He lives with his wife and three sons on a 30-acre farm near here which formerly was the site of a chicken feed establishment.

He said he had notified Warren Giles, president of the club, of his intentions and also had asked Baseball Commissioner A. B. Clegg to put him on baseball's voluntary retired list. Giles had no comment.

One of Cincinnati's higher-salaried players, Miller reportedly received \$15,000 in 1946. The Reds acquired him in the fall of 1942 in a deal with the Boston Braves.

## Down Memory Lane With '23 Gridders

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How many fans remember the 1923 Dixon high school football season?

Of course it was "way before this writer's time. However, the subject was brought up the other evening at a banquet for 1946 Duke frosh-soph gridders and sounded so appealing we decided to carry through and obtain a "peek into memory" story.

John "Red" Vaile provided the above picture. John Lahey some nifty material and the 1924 Dixonian yearbook other background data.

Piece 'em all together and a colorful yarn is the result. So come with us, if you will, for a swing into yesteryear.

"It was the first season the present field was used," Lahey recalls. "South high players had to dress at the school and then trudged across town and the old Galena avenue bridge in order to reach the field. And north high players also dressed at school, although they didn't have as far to walk as we did."

Field Still New

"The field was new and still somewhat in the making, what with numerous weeds, etc., surrounding it. That's where we practiced and played our home games," Lahey adds.

As for personnel, such players as "Tuffy" Jones, Capt. Don Rosecrans, Ferris Rymerson, George Morris, George O'Malley, "Wink" McReynolds, Gus Bondi, the late Gordon McNicol, George Aschenbrenner, the late Joe Keyser, Neil Reagan and Lahey, graced the squad.

Several now prominent Dixonites were included. Lyle "Bud" Prescott, a member, is state representative-elect. Another, Neil Reagan, is now in Hollywood with his famed brother, "Dutch." O'Malley is a high-ranking naval officer.

Bowers Piloted Outfit

A. C. Bowers, present athletic director at DHS, was the team's coach. John Weiss, now a faculty member at the University of Illinois, assisted. Clifford Gumm acted as manager.

Here's how the Dixonian yearbook for 1924 recapitulates the season (into the dated journalisms):

"The turnout of men for the 1923 season on the gridiron was the largest that ever greeted a Dixon high school coach. Forty-four men were out for practice, making four complete teams.

Blank Prophecy

"The first conflict, on the home ground, with Prophetstown, ended 44-0 in our favor and a number got their first tryouts.

"Rock Falls played us on our own field the following week but the worst of a 0-0 score, our men were in much better shape by this time.

"The third match was not so easy for us. The game was played with Mendota. In a sea of mud at Mendota and although Dixon worked within scoring distance several times, she failed to score by either a fumble or intercepted pass. Results were 0-0.

"The battle with Sterling on her own field the next Saturday

## Reveal New Details in Loop Setup

New details on the Class C Central association setup have been revealed as the result of a weekend league meeting at Moline.

The association set a \$2,800 monthly payroll ceiling and agreed to play in 1947 with Rockford and Moline Ill., Clinton, Burlington and Keokuk, Ia., and Hannibal, Mo.

Clinton will be owned outright by the Chicago Cubs, Moline by the Philadelphia A's, Burlington by the Cleveland Indians and Keokuk by Pittsburgh. Rockford has a working agreement with Cincinnati while Hannibal is tied to the St. Louis Browns.

Other association action:

Four cents on every ticket will be paid to the league office for maintenance of the association.

Umps Draw \$250

Umpires will draw \$250 per month.

Association parks will have signs posted warning against gambling and threatening prosecution of violators.

Byron Tenney of Clinton will be vice-president. Previously, Frank Healm of Moline had been named prey.

Reports from Rockford indicate an organizing corporation is to be formed early next year. The Forest city franchise holders must still find a park to play home games.

## Three Tied For Top City League Scorer

Forward Jack Vaile and Center Bob Marshall of B & A are deadlocked with Center Bill Witzel of Knacks for individual scoring honors in the City league. Tabulations of the first two nights of play reveal.

The trio flipped in 17 points apiece while playing two games. Close behind is Forward Carl Gardner of State Hospital, netting 15 markers in one contest. However, Guard George Ackers with the advantage of two games, occupies No. 2 spot on 16 counters.

Gardner's 15 point effort against B & A stands as the best single game accomplishment. Marshall collected 14 tallies in that clash, another top mark.

Coss' Center Louis Glenn boasts a 10 point achievement against the Watt Four. He has competed in only one game.

So far, the circuit seems to feature a team play with "hot" pointguards taking a backseat to coordinated play.

Complete totals:

Player	Position	Team	Games	FT.	P.
Marshall, C.	B & A	2	17		
Witzel, C.	B & A	2	17		
Vaile, F.	B & A	2	17		
Ackers, C.	B & A	2	16		
Hess, E.	B & A	2	11		
Boyer, E.	B & A	2	11		
Glenn, C.	Coss	1	10		
Andrews, F.	Watt	1	10		
Shuler, F.	Knacks	1	10		
Arnold, C.	Knacks	1	8		
Knack, C.	Knacks	1	7		
Reilly, F.	Watt	1	7		
McNamee, C.	Knacks	1	6		
Ferris, C.	Knacks	1	6		
St. John, F.	Watt	1	6		
Leifer, F.	Watt	1	5		
Ward, F.	Watt	1	5		
Cramer, C.	Knacks	1	4		
Reilly, F.	Watt	1	4		
Boyer, E.	Watt	1	3		
Bahn, C.	Watt	1	3		
Shultz, F.	Coss	1	3		
Holloway, F.	Knacks	1	2		
Ginger, F.	Coss	1	2		
Ward, F.	Watt	1	2		
Norton, F.	Coss	1	2		
Kelly, F.	Coss	1	1		
Ellis, F.	Watt	1	1		

## GRIDDERS TRIPPI, DAVIS BASEBALL HEADLINERS, TOO

New York—(NEA)—One-time pitching ace Carl Hubbell called Charlie Trippi the greatest college baseball player of the past 25 years. The head of the Giants' farm system saw Georgia's All-American tailback in the all-star East-West game in Boston last season, was amazed by his natural ability.

"Trippi is a fine hitter, an exceptionally good baserunner, possesses a strong arm, shows sharp judgment, handles himself like a big lugger," said the old screwballer. Trippi is an infielder.

Complete judges assert that Princeton, Army's All-American back, would be entitled to a \$50,000 bonus for signing a baseball contract. He is a center fielder.

## INDOOR POLO OPENS

NEW YORK—(AP)—The lightning fast game of indoor polo opened here in what should be its greatest year, in New York soon. Most of the top riders have returned from service and are competing again. Squadron A of the New York Guard figures to field the finest polo trio in the area.

## STILL STURDY

State College, Pa.—(AP)—A 26-year-old player, Murre Weaver, was the most durable player on the 1946 Penn State football team. The ex-Marine played 60 minutes against Navy and averaged better than 40 minutes in eight games.

## LETTER PERFECT

Stillwater, Okla.—(NEA)—Oklahoma A and M. hasn't lost a wrestling match or national championship since Art Griffith coached the late Ed Gallagher as coach in 1940.

At one time, paper was considered as valuable as precious metals.

## INDONESIA MAY COMPLETE

Batavia, Java—(AP)—The new Republic of Indonesia expects to send a team to the 1948 Olympic games in England. Formation of an Olympic committee took place recently and a general meeting of "Galora," the all-Indonesian Athletic federation, is completing final plans.

## BROWN SCHEDULE

Providence, R. I.—(NEA)—Brown's football line will meet Connecticut, Rhode Island State, Dartmouth, Colgate, Holy Cross, Yale, Harvard and Rutgers, in the order named, next fall.

## LIKE OLD TIMES

Hamilton, N. Y.—(NEA)—No fewer than 119 letters were awarded to Colgate athletes for participation in 10 inter-collegiate sports.

## PRINCETON PEOPLE HAMED TO TROT, COLT POSITIONS

Fred Raker of Princeton has been named vice president of the Central Illinois Trotting and Pacing Association.

Fair dates for 1947 established at a recent meeting of the association include: Princeton, Aug. 19-22; Morrison, Aug. 26-29; Mendota, Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

Mrs. Charles Rumley, also of Princeton, was named secretary and treasurer of the Northern Illinois Colt Association. Her husband is a director.

## Hubs Face Pekin in DeKalb Meet

Rochelle's Hubs of the Rock River Valley conference meet Pekin at 8:15 p. m. Thursday evening in the semifinal match of the first round action in DeKalb's holiday invitational tourney. The affair will be held in the Northern Illinois State Teachers college gym Dec. 26-28.

Unbeaten Pekin, the Hubs' opponent, has a student enrollment of 1250. The school competes in the Big 12 loop along with such prep giants as Champaign, Urbana, Danapur, Lincoln, Streator, Mattoon, Springfield, Danville, Peoria Central, Bloomington and Peoria Manual.

Other Schools Entered

Other schools entered in the 16-team Barb meet with their conference affiliation in parenthesis are: Oak Park (Chicago Suburban), Glenbard (West Suburban), Riverside (West Suburban), DeKalb (N.C.), Watseka (Northwest), Somanak (Little Ten), Shabbona (Little Ten), Kirkland (Kishwaukee), Rock Island (Northwest), Joliet (Big Eight), East and West Aurora (Big Eight), West Rockford (Big

## CAGE RESULTS

Wetmore 61, Sumbra California 36.  
Hullman 71, Murray 58.  
Iowa 76, Montana State 19.  
Missouri 56, North Dakota 36.  
Bradley 56, Stanford 31.  
Kentucky 55, Baylor 31.

# REVIEWING EVENTFUL LOCAL SPORTS YEAR

This year—the first complete post-war milestone—has been an eventful one on the local sports front.

Dixon fans have witnessed a variety of basketball, track, bowling, golf, tennis, baseball and football contests in perhaps the greatest sports year in history here.

To recap the various doings let's go back to last February and follow the progress of the local sports scene to the present time.

The 1915-1916 Duke cage squad finished with an eight won, eight lost slate. They breezed through the regional and advanced to Rockford sectional play, only to drop a 53-47 decision to Rochelle's Hubs.

Eggebrecht Stars

Joe Eggebrecht, pint sized forward, paced the club with 214 points. He gained a second team berth on the NCIC all-star selection.

Dixon's Frosh-Soph squad won five of eight top battles to split third place with Ottawa and Sterling.

On the independent basketball front, Knacks were the only active team in the City league. They and Mugs Ullrich, Mary Rebeck, "Mac" McLean, Gene McNamara, Walt Knack, Roy Ferris, Earl Page and Hank Henry, the crew topped six of nine starts. Wataman beat 'em, 45-42, in the Rochelle invitational tourney to close out the campaign.

Cinderman Fifth

In track Dixon high school nabbed fifth in the NCIC meet at Sterling as Jack Hackett scored firsts in the high and broad jump. DHS produced quite a tennis team, too. "Bud" Lair walked off with the district singles title while Joe Eggebrecht and Bob Brotherton claimed the doubles crown.

However, all three were beaten in the first round of the state meet at the University of Illinois.

George Covert dumped Ted Mason in a grueling five-hour match to stretch away the city tennis championship. Paul Reilly and Mason won the doubles event, the north side boys are piloted by Kuten Krakow.

Unbeaten South Central, coached by Russell Mills, paced the heavyweight division. North Central tops the lightweight standings. The north side boys are piloted by Kuten Krakow.

OUT OF THE NORTH

Suntra, Ala.—(NEA)—Bowlers of this Alaskan town are planning to send two teams to the ABC tournament next March in Los Angeles.

Legion fielded a wretched club. Walton came home on top of the Midwest league's Western division on 10 wins and a single loss but dropped two straight to Roberts & Hess, Eastern victors, in a championship playoff.

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The Legion bunch triumphed six times in 15 games and tied twice. They won the 13th district crown but were dumped in a Great Lakes tourney.

A couple of no-hit performances were recorded. Went Fye, burly Reynolds outpaw, stopped Roberts & Hess without a hit Aug. 29 at Polo to win 2-1. The other zeroing was turned in by a pair of

Legion choppers, Dave Lahey and Ronnie Ellis, June 27, at Mooseheart. Dixon was held to one hit and lost 1-0 on errors.

Autumn brought football into the limelight. Unfortunately, the Dukes appeared far below par, abysmal eight straight lickings after opening with a home victory over DePue.

This winter's hardwood entry at DHS shows a 3-2 slate thus far, compiled on a life of consecutive victory, eight straight losses.

Other court activity this winter is provided by the five-team City league. B & A leads the new setup on a pair of winning efforts. Other members are Knacks, State Hospital, Coss Dairy and the Watt Four.

It's been a great year—1946. And 1947 promises even more sports doings to occupy fans' attention.

Big Nine Teams Win Four Tilts

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Western conference basketball teams posted a mark of .500 in five non-league games last night.

Two of the Big Nine quintets, Iowa and Minnesota, won their sixth consecutive non-conference encounters; Indiana broke a three-game losing streak and Wisconsin closed its pre-conference play with a victory. Only Ohio State's defeat marred the Big Nine victory night.

The Hawkeyes' 76 to 10 victory over Montana State at Iowa City was their 26th straight on their home court over a non-Western conference foe. Indiana was paced by Forward John Wallace, who netted 21 points, as the Hoosiers broke a three-game losing streak and defeated Marquette, 74 to 50, at Milwaukee. Minnesota's sixth straight win was a 65 to 58 triumph over Nebraska at Lincoln.

Budgers Trip USC

Wisconsin, although threatened throughout, ran away from the University of Southern California in the last six minutes and defeated the Pacific coast visitors, 51 to 36, to end the Budgers' play until the conference season opens after the holidays.

Ohio State dropped a 52 to 46 decision to the University of Washington at Seattle.

In another midwest game, Bradley university, handily its first defeat of the season by St. Mary's (Calif.) Saturday night, bounced back last night to defeat another Pacific coast visitor, Stanford, 56 to 51, at Peoria, Ill.

Mayfield, Ky., is the site of the world's largest ceramic clay pits.