













# Spartan Sportlines

By Joe Simek

(Editor's Note—Today's Sportlines were written by Ed Kitchen, State News Sports Editor.)

You can't find a better indoor sport than second-guessing the officials. But why is it that whenever eastern collegiate teams go west, Western quintets go north, and northern squads go south, they return with tales of woe about the beating the whistle-toters gave them on the road?

Well, you can take the word of Ernie Messikomer, coach at Temple university's basketball hotbed, there may be a reason for that. His opinion is that the whole difficulty lies in the different interpretations of the rules in every section of the country.

"The fact is," Messikomer pointed out this week when his Temple Owls were in town to meet the Spartans, "one team may play a certain type of basketball in one section of the country because the interpretation of certain rules in that section allows it. Then when the team travels to meet other collegiate ball clubs it finds that its style becomes taboo because the officials there put a strict meaning on those rules."

"Now you take this one for example. In the middle west officials aren't accustomed to calling fouls for blocking unless there is actual bodily contact between the offensive blocker and the defensive man, which is all perfectly O. K. because the majority of middle western teams play that way. In the east, however, officials generally call blocking when the act is merely that of 'screening' the defensive man."

"When a middle western team comes east it finds that officials are clamping down on its blocks. Similarly when an eastern team comes out west it finds that referees are inclined to be more strict in calling 'steps' on its fast-break type of dribbling. Usually in these sectional games the team that is away from home fails to realize the difference in rule interpretations and goes home discontented."

State fans will recall the Wisconsin game last year which the Spartans won 48-41. The Badgers, used to playing a rough, hard-blocking type of game and getting away with it, were surprised when Michigan officiating began levying fouls on the body-checking. Consequently, Wisconsin went home considerably disgruntled by the whole affair. The fact was, however, that the Badgers had merely run into a sectional rules interpretation which was stricter than their own.

As far as differences in style of offense between various parts of the country, Messikomer believes there is becoming "less and less variation each year." The one particular feature of eastern play, the Temple mentor pointed out, "is that the boys concentrate so much on the long shots. Every Eastern team has one or two boys who can throw in those high arching shots with a lot of accuracy."

Temple's pair are Howard Kahn and Angelo Muni.

"Way out west they are still ranky and tall while in the mid-west teams seem to be exceptionally good on fundamentals and appear to be getting faster." The Owls have seen most of them this season in meeting Oregon, Oklahoma, Illinois, Kansas, Lehigh, Georgetown, and Michigan State. "I believe the best teams we have seen this season are undoubtedly State and Illinois," Messikomer said.

Guiding the Owls through a tough state is no snap for the 27-year-old Messikomer, who is probably the youngest big-time basketball coach in the country. A former Temple captain and star guard, he succeeded his coach, the late Jimmy Uslton, in 1939, and his team won 13 and lost 10 last year. This season it had won six straight before meeting State.

Temple has always been a basketball stronghold. In 1937-38 the Owls won 23 and lost only two, while since the 1925-26 season they have won 224, lost 96.

Messikomer had no complaint about Monday's defeat by the Spartans. "The only thing that

bothered me was the fact that I looked at the clock and it said six seconds more than regulation game time." He was satisfied, however, when timers explained that the clock is stopped exactly on time but its momentum carries it on by the official end.

"It was just one of those games (Temple had lost three in a row by not more than two points) and State deserved to win it. I've never met anybody here at State yet that wasn't grand to us and I hope we play Van's teams for a long time to come."

You couldn't help hoping that Ernie Messikomer, a friend guy, would be back again.

**Track Captain Turns To Paper Industry**  
Roy Fehr, Michigan State engineering graduate last term, 1940 track captain and intercollegiate two mile king, is now working on the Paper Mill Waste Research committee in Kalamazoo.

**Theater to Adopt Change in Hours**  
Because of the length of the picture, special hours will be in effect next week at the State Theater for the showing of "Northwest Mounted Police." Manager Verne Sciotte has announced.

Continuous shows will be given from 1:10 to 11:30 p. m. Sunday and from 2:30 to 11 p. m. Monday through Wednesday.

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# State To Face West Virginia Tonight

## Hicks Triumph In Overtime Cage Game

Fourteen teams played their initial games at Jenison gym Thursday evening and displayed some of the best basketball of the week in the Independent league.

Roger Tull sank two free throws in the last minute to give East Lansing Independents a 13 to 12 victory over the Merry Macs. The outcome was in doubt up to the final whistle, the lead changing hands five times in the last half. Paul Theroux and Fred Warner garnered six points each for the winning and losing teams, respectively.

**CHILIKOS SCORES**  
In the first overtime game of the season, Hicks defeated the Vets, 14 to 12, as John Chilikos sank the winning basket in the overtime. Not more than two points separated the teams as they battled to a 12-12 tie in the regulation time. Mike Miketinac led Hicks with seven points.

Showing all-around scoring strength, Celtics trounced Elsworth house 33-11. Coach Howard Jones paced the victors with eight points.

A strong Ma Jones quintet held the Goldiggers to four free throws and racked up a 30-4 victory. Bob Cartwright piled up eight points to lead the winners' attack.

Coach Edward Hilden's Pickups rang up 11 points in the last half to defeat Ajax All-Stars, 17-8.

**CAMPBELL WINS**  
An individual scoring battle developed in Campbell hall's 22 to 11 victory over the Hemingway five as Bruce Drynan and Jack Haire, right forwards of the two teams, scored 10 points each.

Newman club defeated the Panzers 13-8. John Clapper, with three baskets, was high point man for the winners.

Kewpee's forfeited to the New York Jewels and the Kewpee Wolves forfeited to the Wolves in the other two games scheduled.

## 11 Men Will Join News Fraternity

Six professional and five student journalists will be initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, Wednesday at 4 p. m. Initiation will be followed by a banquet in the Union at 6 p. m., according to Robert Merz, banquet chairman.

New professional members will be Vernon J. Brown, state auditor general and publisher of the Ingham County News; Nelson T. Brown, editor of the same paper; Orvin W. Kaye, Jr., Lansing State Journal war correspondent; Floyd Miller, publisher of the Royal Oak Tribune; Seth Anderson, reporter for the Grand Rapids Herald; and Bruce Mair, reporter for the Big Rapids Pioneer.

Student members to be taken in are Kenneth Kuhn, Thomas Greene, Larry Hardy, Herbert Olsen and Joseph Simek.

## New Club Elects Its Officers

Calvin E. Pederson, graduate student from Starbuck, Minn., is the first president of the new Entomology club for the next year, it was announced after club elections held Thursday night. Other officers chosen are William L. Stockman, vice president, and George G. Christman, secretary-treasurer.

Reports of club members who attended the American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Philadelphia last month, were also given at the meeting.

## Staff Members to Aid In State Meeting

Two faculty members will participate in the state Conference on Child Growth and Development which meets on campus today.

At luncheon in the Union ballroom, Dr. Victor H. Noll, professor of education, will welcome the guests, who are educators from several parts of Michigan.

Alma Goetsch, instructor in art, will preside at one of the divisional meetings of the conference.

## Runners Face Time Trials In First Competition

First competition in Jenison fieldhouse under direction of State's new track coach, Karl Schladekman, will get under way this afternoon at 3 p. m., with the first time trials of the season.

With the Notre Dame meet three short weeks away, Schladekman faces the task of building up a balanced track contingent to meet the perennially strong Rambler outfit. Last year Notre Dame defeated the Spartan runners 57 2-3 to 37 1-3 in Jenison fieldhouse. State will journey to South Bend, Ind., for this season's encounter.

In order to get some indication of what his harriers can do, Schladekman has planned time trials for today's work. The distances to be run will either be under or over the actual race distances.

Dash men and hurdlers will be clocked in the 60, 75, and 300 yard dashes; quarter-milers in the 300 and 600 yard runs; half-milers and milers in the 600 and 1,000 yard runs.

Capt. Walter Arrington has been working out regularly this winter but has yet to regain full use of his right ankle which he wrenched last fall. Arrington expects to be in good enough condition to compete in the shot put and perhaps in the high jump, however.

## May Use Soph Ace Against Invaders

Joe Holsinger, who with Al Kircher has been assisting King, has recovered from his arm operation sufficiently to help coach the yearlings. However, Holsinger's arm is still in a sling.

Out of the 70 players who impressed King the most with their play are: Roy Dehl, forward, Sturgis; Oliver White, forward, Cleveland; Eugene Wright, guard, Sturgis; Charlie Chambers, guard, Lansing Central; Russel Secory, center, Imlay City; Ron Reed, guard, Lansing Central; Clayton Kowalk, forward, Eaton Rapids; Richard Saxony, guard, East Jordan; and Philip Currier, 6 feet, 4 inch center from Capac.

## King Orders Heavy Frosh Cage Drill

Freshman Coach Tom King has ordered his 70-man basketball squad through heavy drills in the fundamentals of passing, shooting, and the fast break, for the early part of next week.

With Carl Petroski out of action, part of the center duties in tonight's battle between Michigan State and West Virginia will be taken over by Dudley Jones, sophomore from East Chicago, Ill. Jones has scored 22 points thus far this season and performed well in the Spartans' swing through the east.

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By Ed Kitchen

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Because it will be the last game that they will play at home until Feb. 12 when they return to face Michigan again, the Spartans are especially anxious to knock off West Virginia's cage emissaries and continue their torrid pace.

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