

CHICAGOLAND CAGE COMMENT

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FORREST COX, Colorado coach, calls Mike Dougherty, Loyola's 6 foot 7 inch center, a goalie due to his ability to bat the ball away from the hoop on defense. . . . One of the best one-man offensive stands in the Midwest was Notre Dame Center Bob Faught's 25-point spree against Marquette. . . . A one-minute interview with Ward Lambert, Purdue coach: "We have another good team at Purdue, but the boys have only one fault. They just can't hold an early lead."

Warren Brown, sports editor of the new Chicago Sun, is going "all out" in his basketball coverage. When Illinois opened the second half of its Big Ten schedule undefeated Brown assigned staff men to the Northwestern game at Champaign and the Illinois-Indiana game at Bloomington. . . . Members of the Chicago Basketball Writers Association were treated to a return of Coach Phog Allen's verbal blasts on Oklahoma in connection with the Gerald Tucker hearing when the Kansas mentor invaded the Loop.

There's a brother act among the regular officials in the Big Ten this season. The duo is composed of Earl and Johnny Townsend, formerly of Michigan, now residing in Indianapolis. . . . Eddie Jacquin has been promoted from sports editor to managing editor of the Champaign News-Gazette. Jacquin, who has been associated with Illinois sports doings for many years, plans to close out his officiating at the end of the present season.

In the Wisconsin-Chicago game at Chicago, Feb. 10, Johnny Kotz, veteran Badger forward, scored 18 points after missing 23 straight shots in the second half. . . . One of the best individual players to show in Chicago this season is Captain O'Grady of Georgetown. He was about the entire show in the Hoyas' 35 to 34 decision over Marquette.

To Creighton goes the honor of having polished off Great Lakes fives in two different wars. In World War No. 1 the Bluejays trimmed the Gobs, 25 to 20. In their World War No. 2 meeting Eddie Hickey's crew racked up a 59 to 45 decision. . . . Dr. Clarence Spears, Toledo's athletic director, rates Bob Gerber, the Rockets' star center, on a par with Chuck Chuckovits, Toledo ace of former seasons. Coach Andy Anderson of the same club says he has seen nights when "we could use both of 'em."

"I guess we were still up in the air," was Clair Bee's first comment after Long Island dropped a 44 to 43 decision to De Paul early in January. Fol-

lowing out his usual policy, Bee flew the Blackbirds to Chicago and return.

Arch Ward, Chicago Tribune sports editor, and his Wake of the News column readers have had lots of fun this Winter digging up low score basketball games. The present low is 1 to 0.

Willie Wendt, De Paul mentor sitting in while Capt. Tom Haggerty continues his stint in the army, is passing the cigars these days. It's a girl, the Wendt's first. . . . Bradley Tech, robbed of its home court when the Army took over all armories in Illinois, played its first four games on as many courts. The Braves opened at Woodruff high in Peoria, moved to near-by Pekin high school for its second game and hit the road for their next two starts at Denver and California.

Len Sachs, Loyola mentor, continues to hit the Chicago newspapers with his blast on officials. His latest entry into print was a word by word account of his verbal tiff with Official Nick Kearns at a recent meeting of the Chicago Basketball Writers Association.



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