

INDIANA RUNS IOWA GROGGY

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INDIANAPOLIS TIMES.--Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 11.--Rollie Williams, basketball coach at the University of Iowa, sat on a bench in the dressing room down here last night with a scorebook spread out across his lap. He was scanning the figures for the first half of a game which went to Indiana, 50 to 40. The score at the half was 23 to 9. The score with less than four minutes of the first half left was 18 to 4.

This Mr. Williams played his basketball at Wisconsin under Dr. Walter E. Meanwell. The doctor's plan was to pass, pivot and block. The center jump was in good standing then. The game was slower. Big boys came in pretty handy, and they didn't have to be racehorses.

Power plays counted. Fast breaks were broken up with something more than speed and interception. The kid who came down the floor all aflutter and went high into the air to shoot was apt to land in the brass section of the band.

Looked Good at Start.

Iowa looked like a good basketball team for five minutes; Iowa had 2 tall men and 3 short ones. The short ones were fast; the tall ones clever. But Indiana had five pretty tall boys, five boys who might have been on Billy Hayes's cross-country team, if not on his track team in the dash department.

Iowa, on offense, played three men in and two men out. When Indiana broke the Hoosiers had three and two situations so often Iowa was just plain left behind. The grind began to tell. The Hawkeyes ran out of gas, sputtered and when bumped the least bit tumbled over, groggy.

Indiana rebounded the pants off the visitors, and that may have been the reason Uncle Rollie Williams looked up from his book when some one asked him what could be done about this free-scoring game today and said, "Eliminate the backboards."

Would Ban Dribble.

Just the other day Stanley Feezle said he thought it would be a good idea to allow only one bounce. Eliminate the dribble. George Keogan thinks the ten-second and three-second rules are silly. Piggy Lambert does, too. John Schommer, the whistler, says, "The people are still pouring in, aren't they?"

Iowa didn't hit when it really counted. Iowa doesn't have a senior on the squad. Piggy said they'd be tough at home. The Purdue strategist thought the game would have been much different if Iowa had hit a few shots early in the game. Rollie Williams thought Indiana had a houseful of beautiful basketball players.

Few teams have the stamina Indiana shows, and when the shooting is over this season it may be that ability to hang in there and run like the wind for forty minutes that will bring to the Hoosiers their first undisputed Big Ten title.

THE LAMBERT WALK OF BASKETBALL

Out on a highway one evening over a cup of cream of mushroom soup, while awaiting a choice slab of cow, a little fellow squirmed in his seat and tried to make something plain to me. In a way he succeeded and if I can get it over to you you won't have to listen to a lot of Big Ten basketball scouts who say Purdue has no system.