

SPORTS

Three Out of Four

Badin Has Fast, Clean Team

Basket-ball is attracting considerable attention in Badin this season, for the Badin team has more than held its own with teams from larger cities. The first game of the year was played early in November, against the Mount Pleasant five, and although our fellows had had no more than ten days' practice, they played good enough to win, 23-18.

The game was the first ever played on the theater court, canvass being used to cover the highly polished dance floor. The court is inclosed by a ten-foot net on all sides, thus preventing any out-of-bounds play, and serving to protect both spectators and players from injuries common to courts where there is no netting. The high ceiling, the exceptionally good lighting system, and the large playing area make this court one of the best in the State.

A fair number of spectators attended the Mount Pleasant game, and felt well repaid. The Badin team started off with Tilson at center; Quinlan and Jackson, forwards; Black and Day, guards. Leonard and Richards also got into the game—Joe at forward, and Dick at guard. Don Tilson shot five baskets, and Quinlan also caged five. The defensive work was not what it will be later in the season, for Jimmie and Mike give promise of developing into a fine pair of guards.

The second contest was played in Kannapolis against the "Y" team of that town. Our team showed much improvement, the defensive work, particularly. Kannapolis led at the end of the first half, but Badin came back strong, and soon took the lead, running up a total of 25 points while Kannapolis scored but 14. This made Kannapolis' third defeat in four years on their home court, which

fact goes to prove that Badin must have a strong aggregation.

On November 26, Badin played the Erlanger "Y" team in Erlanger. The lineup was the same as that of the Kannapolis game—Tilson, center; Quinlan and Jackson, forwards; Black and Day, guards; with Richards and Erb as substitutes. Badin played much better basket-ball, and played it cleanly; even the spectators turned against a couple of the home team players who were pulling some schoolboy tricks.

Our fellows were strong all through the game and played well on offense and defense. Quinlan had a big night, caging the ball for nine double-counters. Tilson was close behind, with six floor goals, and Jackson showed some fine floor work. Richards made a basket almost as soon as he entered the contest, while his guarding was exceptionally good for one who is playing his first season. Jimmie Black improves with each game, and is developing into a dependable back guard. Day works hard, shoots well, and is coming along fast. Kirk Erb, although he has had but little experience, looks like a comer. With another month's practice, Badin will surely have a team of which it can well be proud.

Don Tilson and Quinlan are the only experienced men on the team and when that fact is taken into consideration I am sure you will agree that the team is making a very creditable beginning. Basket-ball is exceedingly interesting to watch, as there is plenty of action all of the time. Our fellows are in the game for the love of it, and they play a fast, clean game. Dirty basket-ball is positively prohibited—we don't use it, nor will we play the second time against a team which does.

Badin will see more home games after the Christmas holidays, when some of the best teams in the State will come

here to play our big team. We want to give them courteous treatment in every respect; and let us treat them as we would want to be treated were we playing away from home. Give every good play its just due, regardless of who it is that makes the play—that is true sportmanship on the part of the spectators.

High School Wins

Badin High won a closely contested game from New London High, Friday night, November 19. Although New London played a hard game, they played it as cleanly as our boys, thus making it a fine game to witness. The score was 20 to 17, with the lead see-sawing throughout the last half. Sawyer's work at guard was easily the feature of the match; his playing is constantly growing better. R. Arthur threw two pretty goals in the last few minutes of play, and Coffman helped out with another basket at a critical moment.

Mount Gilead Defeated

Badin High overwhelmed Mount Gilead in a game on the home court Friday, December 3. The second team played the first half, and they rolled up 22 points, and prevented Mount Gilead from scoring. The Varsity five went in for the second half, scoring 29 points while Mount Gilead got but one.

The team work of the Badin team is picking up rapidly, and indications are that the team will be a strong one after the holidays. Sawyer and Coffman are improving in their defensive work. Burns, Bizzell, W. White, and R. Arthur are four fair forwards, with the last named two showing up the stronger just now. Both E. Arthur and Austin are fighting hard for a berth at center. Chambers and Vann, with Alpheus White, round out the squad as it is at present.

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