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## front lines

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# Beatty prison plans move ahead

The Indiana corrections department is moving ahead with proposed plans to renovate part of Norman Beatty Memorial Hospital to house about 400 prison inmates. However, no timetable for the move has been established yet, corrections spokesmen said yesterday.

After a meeting yesterday with state mental health department officials and aides of Gov. Otis Bowen, corrections commissioner Robert Heyne said the department is currently compiling figures on the moving costs.

Heyne said it is "pretty definite" the corrections department will be moving inmates into part of Beatty Memorial Hospital "within the next few months."

The corrections department would use only the maximum security section of Beatty Hospital. Inmates would not be confined in the hospital's civil section.

Plans to use part of the mental hospital to house prison inmates were announced several months ago. A rapidly-increasing inmate population has brought about overcrowding at several corrections institutions, while Beatty Hospital's population has been declining.

Cloid Shuler, director of the corrections department's adult authority, said the department anticipates an increase of about 1,200 inmates in the next two years and about 2,500 by 1980.

Shuler said the department will meet with the legislature's budget committee on Nov. 19 to discuss the costs of the proposed move.

Shuler said present discussions with the mental health department indicate that one ward of the maximum security section would continue to be run by the mental health department and would be kept separate from the corrections department section of the maximum security area.

Some of the patients now in the Beatty maximum security section are men who have been transferred there from the department

of corrections for treatment.

Current plans are for the prison portion of Beatty Hospital to be a "medium security" section, which would require less expensive renovation than to make it a "maximum security" section under prison guidelines.

Additional corrections staff would be needed to staff the facility at Beatty, Shuler said, and security would be beefed up there. Provisions would have to be made for education and vocational programs for the inmates.

The current estimates for renovating the Beatty section for the corrections department is from \$4 to \$4½ million, Shuler said.

If it were to be a "maximum security" area, the cost would be about \$9½ million, Shuler said, since the present dormitory rooms of the hospital would have to be made into individual cells.

The move probably would not lower the prison inmate population at existing corrections institutions, Shuler said.

Inmates to the section at Beatty probably would be transferred there directly from the Reception and Diagnostic Center, which is where all persons sentenced to the department of corrections are sent before being assigned to an institution.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY to appear in the *Festival Internacional de Ballet de la Habana* turned up recently for Judy Joseph Breisboard (211 W. 10th St.) so off she went to Cuba last Monday. Judy's invitation came through the Cuban prima ballerina, Alicia Alonso, whom she met abroad two years ago when her influence helped Judy gain recognition in the ballet, *Carmen*. Alonso, who ranks as one of the three greatest ballerinas in the world today, heads the National Ballet of Cuba, although she gained her fame in the United States before she was forced to choose loyalties at the time of the Cuban revolution. "This is a rare opportunity both to visit a virtually inaccessible country's rich, artistic facilities and to further my own prestige as a dancer internationally," Judy said before she left. Judy's visa came via the Czech embassy in the U.S., implemented by the Cuban embassy in Mexico City...she'll return home late next week.

THE ELSTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1937 will celebrate its 40th year reunion next July 23 and is looking for the following members to let them know about it: Leroy Anderson, Paul Baldini, Olive Christmas Heyden, Jack Culley, Harold Finley, Leah Gluck LaMar, Edna Guernsey O'Connor, Evelyn Gushrowske, Bligham, Logina Kiosowski, James S. Krieger, Adolph Krueger, Ronald Shreve, William Spears, Edmund Ulmer, Betty Valleau Rhodes, Martha Vullmann Dodson, Helen Wedow Peck, Bertram Wozniak and John Wilson...if you know any of their whereabouts, call Mary Ellen Steinke (872-6778) or Margaret Brown, (874-7325). Wilman Ahrendt (874-8294) or Hope Mahl (872-2178). Speaking of reunions: Members of the Indiana University and Purdue University football teams of 1936, who played to a hard-fought 21-21 tie that year, will get together at the Hilton Inn in West Lafayette on Nov. 20, the date of this year's IU-Purdue clash...Ray Fox (807 Birch Tree Farms), who was a backfield man on the 1936 IU team, plans to attend.

ANNETTE SILCOX, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Silcox (4933 N. Lindsay Lane) and a senior at Rogers High School, has received word that she won a fishing contest staged this summer at Bratton's Resort, Pelican Lake, Orr, Minn...her four pound, five ounce walleye pike took honors for that category...she caught it on a large brown beetle spin bait while fishing with her parents and her brother, Scott...an arm patch and a fillet knife were her awards...Brooke Wiseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiseman (327 Johnson Road) and an executive with the Girl Scouts in Lansing, Mich., has been appointed to the Women's Advisory Council of Michigan State University (East Lansing, Mich.)...a Palomar Publishing Co. book of poetry, *To Banbury Cross and Back*, includes poetry by Paula G. Banas (1602 Kentucky St.)...it goes on sale Dec. 1.

SANTA'S MAIL is picking up...letters to him from the following cleared Our Fair City's post office this week: Matthew and Patricia Troy (7197W 125N, LaPorte, Ind.), Cherie, Cindy and Shellie Burns (4555W U.S. 20, LaPorte, Ind.), Terri McMonigal (602 Green Tree, Trill Creek) and David Bchinski (6824 W. Bieck Road)...David L. Durlin (New Buffalo, Mich.) has been appointed business manager of the Lake Michigan Journal, the student publication at Lake Michigan College (Benton Harbor, Mich.)...Mrs. Robert Sheppard (1604 Greenwood Ave.) is pictured on the cover of the U.S. Steel News magazine's last quarter issue...she is shown with a group who attended U.S. Steel's open house this summer at Gary...Third district Cong. John Brademas on Thursday received the 1976 Gold Key award of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine for his work in Congress in the field of the handicapped.

DR. DAVID PLANK, son of Dr. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)



### Young artist

Four-year-old Jondlyn Patterson practices her painting, one of a variety of activities available for youths at the W.O. Coates Community Center, in the former Harrison School building. Story, more photos on page 3. (News-Dispatch photo by Scott Allen)

## Parkinson recalls 'favor' of death...

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Squire "Parky" Parkinson, 76, says he understands how Utah State Prison inmate Gary Mark Gilmore feels about wanting execution rather than a life in jail.

He says he did a man a favor nearly 40 years ago by sending him to a similar death at the same prison.

Parkinson was involved in the execution of John W. Deering, who went before a five-man firing squad at the prison on Oct. 31, 1938, after being convicted of the murder of real estate salesman Oliver W. Meredith Jr.

His memories of the case come easier now with the much-publicized case of Gilmore, who asked the Utah Supreme Court to let him die by firing squad as scheduled Monday. The court agreed, but the execution has been temporarily stayed by Utah's governor.

Parkinson, now retired, was a police detective sergeant in Detroit when he brought Deering in for questioning on a jewelry store robbery and found he was wanted in that city for a string of holdups.

"At that point, it was just another pinch," Parkinson said Thursday, and Deering could have lived, with up to 20 years in a Michigan prison for robbery. Detroit police had no idea he was wanted in Utah for murder.

"But three days later, one of the boys tells me, 'Parky, that guy you locked up wants to see you.' So I go down to headquarters to see what he wants. He says I was pretty good to him when I picked him up and he wants to ask me for a favor. I say, 'You gotta be kidding, we don't give favors.'"

"He says he's been identified. It's all over. He's gonna get 20 years. He says, 'Call Salt Lake for me. I'm wanted for murder. If you call, they'll come and get me. I can be shot or hung, but I'll take the shooting to going back in.'"

"He had already spent 17 years in San Quentin," Parkinson said.

So Parkinson, disregarding his superiors' instructions to forget it, contacted Utah officials, who said they were coming after Deering.

Asked by the chief of detectives why he made the call, Parkinson recalled, "I said, 'Look, he asked me for a break and I gave him a break. I figured I was doing him a favor.'"

"I never felt bad about it.

"Who wants to sit in the cage for 20 years?"

## ... And Gilmore's death wish gets another 'no'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gary Mark Gilmore was turned down again Friday on his request that he be executed on schedule, but he went ahead with plans for his death before a firing squad, asking for a sixpack of beer as his last meal.

L. E. S. Fagan, supervisor of the state prison's maximum security unit, said Gilmore asked for the beer casually. He said no decision has been made but that the request probably would be granted, if the execution is held.

Gov. Calvin Rampton said Friday he would not rescind his stay of execution to allow the convicted murderer to die on Monday as originally scheduled.

Gilmore, 35, who has said he would rather die than spend the rest of his life in prison, appealed to

the governor Thursday night through a statement to let him die as originally sentenced.

Gilmore's statement said delaying the execution puts him through "the stress of cruel, unusual and inhuman punishment."

A spokesman for the governor said Rampton had made it clear that he plans no further action, meaning the Utah Board of Pardons will consider the case in its regular meeting, which starts Wednesday.

The three-member board could commute the sentence to life in prison, reduce it to a prison term of less than life or leave the sentence as is and ask the trial judge to reschedule the execution.

Gilmore was convicted for the murder of a motel clerk during a robbery.

## Talks open on 800 American Vietnam MIAs

PARIS (AP) — American and Vietnamese diplomats opened talks Friday on the question of 800 Americans missing in action and other issues in an attempt to find a basis for normalizing relations.

Neither the American representative, Samuel R. Gammon, the No. 2 man at the U.S. Embassy, nor his Vietnamese counterpart, Tran Hoan, would say anything to reporters after the two-hour meeting. It was held in a two-story white building in suburban Neuilly that once housed a Viet Cong office and is now said to be the Vietnamese ambassador's residence.

But the American Embassy said that "issues of interest to both the countries were raised," with the problem of getting information on the missing U.S. servicemen "our primary concern."

The main concern of the Vietnamese is postwar reconstruction aid, pledged by the United States in the 1973 Paris accords. The Ford administration backed off from the pledge when the North Vietnamese overran the South 18 months ago.

Officials in Washington said when the Paris talks were announced a week ago that both sides would speak from prepared position papers, with no spontaneous discussion, and that concrete progress was not expected until President-elect Jimmy Carter takes office in January.

The United States is also opposed to Vietnamese membership in the United Nations until the Vietnamese come up with what Washington considers a satisfactory accounting of the 800 MIAs. Barring any sensational developments in Paris, a U.S. veto in the Security Council is likely when the issue comes to a vote next week.

The Vietnamese inherited about \$5 billion worth of U.S. arms and equipment following the fall of Saigon in April 1975. But despite the

military windfall Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger reportedly thinks the Vietnamese view establishment of friendly ties with Washington as crucial to their independence.

"They need a third country to balance the Soviets and China,"

## Dale Thomas held in death of fellow inmate

A prison inmate who had been transferred to Indiana State Prison recently from the Indiana State Reformatory in Pendleton is being held in connection with yesterday's stabbing death of a fellow prisoner.

Police said Dale Thomas, 24, was arrested by two prison guards at the scene of a prison dining room fight yesterday noon which resulted in the death of 27-year-old Nick Green.

While the guards held Thomas other inmates tried to keep Green alive with a closed-heart massage, Indiana State Police investigator Richard Pinnell said. However, Green died shortly afterwards in the prison hospital.

The fatal wound was a stab wound in the aorta. The weapon sued was a prison-made knife, investigators said.

Both Green and Thomas had been transferred recently from the Pendleton reformatory, which is overcrowded. Green arrived at the Prison Oct. 18 and Thomas Oct. 22. Thomas reportedly was upset that Green was spreading rumors about him.

Green was serving a 1-5 year term for theft by deception and Thomas is serving a 5-20 year term. The prosecutor's office has not yet filed a formal charge against Thomas in the death.

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### Weather

Partly cloudy and cold today with a chance of snow flurries and highs in the upper 30s. Clear and cold tonight with lows in the mid 20s. Sunny and a little warmer Sunday with highs in the mid 40s. Chance of snow less than 20 per cent today. High yesterday 34, low 30 at the local U.S. Coast Guard station.

## Disc Jockey sets record LP record

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — A long-playing record on radio station KALE was too long for some listeners, who called police after hearing a thumping noise for about 45 minutes.

Station Manager Rod Loudon said police awakened him early Thursday after receiving reports from listeners who feared something had happened to the station's disc jockey.

"The police said, 'Something's wrong with your DJ,' and I said, 'Something's wrong with all my DJs,'" said Loudon, who accompanied an officer to the radio station.

Disc jockey Chuck Bryson had fallen asleep, leaving a record on the turntable, Loudon said.

## Paul Duke to open Sinai Forum series

Paul Duke, moderator of the weekly PBS news analysis series, *Washington Week in Review*, will be the opening speaker of the 1976-77 Sinai Sunday evening Forum series tomorrow night at 7:30 at Sinai Temple auditorium.

Duke agreed this week to open the 23rd Forum season in place of Chicago Daily News Washington Bureau Chief Peter Lisagor, who is ill and hospitalized. Lisagor is a regular panelist on Washington Week in Review.

The recent election and the outlook for the Carter-Mondale administration are expected to be Duke's main topics.

Some season tickets for the Forum series will be available at the door tomorrow night. Tickets are \$10 for adults for the five-program series. Other speakers in this year's series include Dr. Benjamin Spock, Dec. 5; Liz Carpenter, Jan. 9; Les Whitten, Feb. 6, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, March 13. Season tickets for students attending secondary schools or Purdue North Central are \$3.

After covering Capitol Hill for 17 years, Duke was named senior correspondent for public television in Washington in 1974. He now is at the National Public Affairs Center for TV.

Duke began covering Washington in 1957 for Associated Press. He covered the Capitol for AP and the Wall Street Journal until 1963 when

he joined NBC, first as a news editor and later as a reporter. Congress was his principal beat. He recently was cited in a poll conducted by the University of Missouri's School of Journalism as among the most respected TV journalists for fairness and objectivity.

Parking for Forumgoers again will be available at the Jewel Tea parking lot, with shuttle bus service provided between the lot and the Sinai Temple before and after the program.



PAUL DUKE

**SPORTS** The News-Dispatch **SPORTS**

# Rogers dominates All-Area; 2 Raiders, one Trojan top picks

By MARK MORROW  
News-Dispatch sports editor

Michigan City Rogers, which led the state in blocked punts this year with seven, set the pace in balloting for the Second Annual News-Dispatch All-Area Football Team.

Coach Ron Lemon's Raiders placed eight players on the first-offensive and defensive teams, collected one of the area's top Player of the Year awards and shared an-

other.

Rogers senior Milt Roby, a six-foot, 175-pound linebacker who's a blockbuster of a hitter, was the unanimous choice for area Defensive Player of the Year.

Junior Brian Allen of Rogers and senior Mark Armstrong of Chesterton were co-recipients of the Offensive Player of the Year Award.

Michigan City Elston, despite winning only one game, followed Rogers in voting and placed five

players on the first two teams, while Chesterton landed four.

The All-Area team was selected by four members of The News-Dispatch sports department.

The voting was skin-tight at several positions — especially in the offensive backfield where area schools scooted away with the top honors.

Another hotly-contested position was quarterback, where junior Dave Welter of Chesterton, Elston

senior Wayne Bohlim, Rogers' sophomore Terry Lemon, and LaLumiere's Bill McKenna were the prime candidates.

Welter, a 170-pounder who throws well on the run and was a threat as a runner, got the nod. Coach Mike Deal's signal-caller completed 45 per cent of his passes, threw for 794 yards and connected for seven touchdowns.

South Central senior Tim Hale, who rushed for over 1,100 yards,

shared one of the running back positions with New Prairie senior Bob Garoutte, while New Prairie's Roger Simon and LaLumiere sophomore John Johnson shared a position, while junior Roger Lijewski of New Buffalo was selected to the other position.

Johnson led the area in scoring with 78 points (rushed for over 700 yards) and Lijewski, one of the better all-around offensive and defensive players in the area, scored 50 of the Bisons' 82 points this year.

Rogers players named to the offensive were: offensive end Brian Allen, quick guard Steve Wozniak and mammoth offensive tackle Ted Martin (6-5, 260).

Area scoring				
Player	TDs	X-Pts	FG	TP
Johnson (LaL)	16	0	0	18
Simon (NP)	10	0	0	12
Hale (SC)	8	7	0	10
Lijewski (NB)	7	2	0	46
Allen (Rog)	7	0	0	42
Garoutte (NP)	7	0	0	42
Henry (Rogers)	6	0	0	36
Armstrong (CHS)	3	104	1	31
Lindsey (LaL)	1	204	1	28
Kammerath (SC)	1	0	0	36
Hooper (Rogers)	1	0	0	36
Glenn (Elston)	1	0	0	36
Hardy (Elston)	1	0	0	36

  

SPECIALISTS				
Player	X-Pts	GF	TP	
Jack Lindsey (LaL)	204	1	23	
Mark Armstrong (CHS)	104	1	13	
Bret Venice (Elston)	84	1	11	
Bruce Wilson (Rogers)	74	1	10	
Tom Clark	104	0	10	



Defensive standout

Rogers' senior Milt Roby, who averaged 9.1 solo tackles per game and 5.8 assists, was the unanimous choice for Defensive Player of the Year in balloting for the Second Annual News-Dispatch All-Area Football Team. Roby, a two-year starter, played linebacker for the Raiders. (News-Dispatch photo by Bill Swedberg)

## All-Area Team

Pos:	Name	School:	Class:
End	Mark Armstrong	Chesterton	Jr.
End	Brian Allen	M.C. Rogers	Sr.
Tackle	Buckeye Epstein	M.C. Elston	Sr.
Tackle	Ted Martin	M.C. Rogers	Jr.
Center	Jerry Cleek	Chesterton	Sr.
Guard	Kurt Bergman	M.C. Elston	Sr.
Guard	Steve Wozniak	M.C. Rogers	Sr.
Quarterback	Dave Welter	Chesterton	Jr.
Runningback	Tom Hale	South Central	Sr.
Runningback	Bob Garoutte	New Prairie	Jr.
Runningback	Roger Lijewski	New Buffalo	Sr.
Runningback	Roger Simon	New Prairie	So.
Runningback	John Johnson	LaLumiere	So.
End	Bruce Wilson	M.C. Rogers	Jr.
End	Steve Novak	M.C. Elston	Jr.
Tackle	Craig Miller	M.C. Rogers	Sr.
Tackle	Kyle Covert	New Buffalo	Sr.
Linebacker	Milt Roby	M.C. Rogers	Sr.
Linebacker	Mike Glenn	M.C. Elston	Sr.
Linebacker	Cary Allen	Chesterton	Sr.
Linebacker	Chris Hurley	LaLumiere	Sr.
Linebacker	Mike Hoffmaster	M.C. Rogers	Sr.
Halfback	Dave McGee	M.C. Elston	Sr.
Halfback	Mike Brown	River Valley	Sr.
Halfback	Tony Wimberly	M.C. Rogers	Sr.
Punter	Greg Wiseman	M.C. Elston	Sr.
Kicking specialist	Mark Armstrong	Chesterton	Sr.
Kickoff-puntreturns	Tim Hale	South Central	Sr.
Top Offensive Players:	Roger Lijewski	New Buffalo	Jr.
	Mark Armstrong	Chesterton	Sr.
	Brian Allen	M.C. Rogers	Jr.
Top Defensive Player:	Milt Roby	M.C. Rogers	Sr.

**Honorable Mention**  
ROGERS: Terry Lemon, Brad Hooper, Ken Larson, Joe Henry, Elston, Wayne Bohlim, Dan Hardy, Doug Schmidt. CHESTERTON: Doug Mumma, Chuck Crockett, Kevin Laureman. NEW PRAIRIE: Don Rogers, Andy Shall, Dave Swank. SOUTH CENTRAL: Ed Kammerath, John Phelan, Randy Lawson, John Doll. LALUMIERE: Jack Lindsey, Bill McKenna. LAPORTE: Greg Cotter, Eric Schreiber, Lou Biernacki.

# Talent-ladden state promises good year for prep basketball

By MARK MORROW  
Michigan City News-Dispatch  
(Written for Associated Press)

George Marshall's Jeffersonville basketball teams aren't strangers when it comes to winning, but winning the big one is a horse of another color.

Marshall's Red Devils have been a snake-bitten club when it comes to the Indiana High School Athletic Association state finals. They've made four trips to the Final Four the past seven years but have yet to win the coveted state crown.

This year may be different, and many believe the Devils are "The Team" if the South is to rise again.

Others point out Marion, winner of the past two championships, isn't ready to take a back seat to anyone, even though the Giants no longer have Mr. Basketball Dave Colescott and Coach Bill Green.

New Coach Larry Little, who was successful at Merrillville, figures to be well-stocked when it comes to talented Giants. And there will be a little extra spice in Hoosier Hysteria as Marion tries to become just the second team in history to win

three state titles. Franklin was the first to do it in 1920-21-22.

There are several other classy clubs from one end of the state to the other in what promises to be a good year for Indiana basketball, and most of the powers are loaded with exceptional individuals.

The top talent should include East Chicago Washington's Drake Morris, an All-State forward last year as a junior; high-scoring Steve Reed of Warsaw, Rick Lantz of Anderson Highland, Eric Eckel of Anderson Madison Heights, and Rod Roberson of Elkhart Central.

Basketball in the Gary and East Chicago areas should be exceptional. Marion, Lafayette Jefferson, Carmel and Muncie North look to be the cream of the crop in central Indiana; and look for Rushville, Evansville Memorial and Evansville Central to join Jeffersonville as the main southern powers.

Jeffersonville, which dropped a two-point decision to Marion in last year's state finals afternoon round, could be the early front runner.

Marshall has 11 of 12 players back from last year's team, which bowed out with a 21-6 record.

Tom Baker, a slick 6-footer, should trigger the Red Devils' offense. He'll be joined by veterans Tres Sowder (6-1), forward Bobby Summers (6-2) and center Ron Dale (6-4). They produced 41 of 47 points against Marion.

Besides Colescott, Marion lost 6-5 center Tuffy Jackson, but there's plenty experience in 6-3 Jeff Bragg, 6-2 Carlton Hayes and quick-footed guard James Freshwater.

East Chicago Washington's John Molodet, whose top-ranked Senators lost to Rushville in last year's semifinals, may have the state's best player in the 6-5 Morris, a 23-point scorer. Clement Murrell (6-6), Darryl Bridgman (6-3) and guard Ezell Foster will give Washington additional strength. Joe Heath, the veteran coach at Lafayette Jeff, has plenty to smile about despite the loss of 6-9 All-Stater Mike Miller.

"We could surprise some people if we get things worked out in backcourt," says Heath, who also expects Logansport and Richmond to be forces to be reckoned with in the strong North Central Conference.

Heath bases his optimism on a strong front line of 6-7 Jeff Brewer,

6-5 Mark Fellure, 6-3 Brian Martin and 5-11 floor general Ron King.

Carmel could be a contender with the likes of regulars Mark Herrmann, Paul Hensel, Jon Ogle and Bart Burrell.

Fort Wayne basketball also looks powerful with Wayne's Generals flexing their muscles. Roosevelt Barnes and Al Gooden, both 6-3, are quick and have tremendous leaping ability, while 6-9 Steve Bates is the strongman.

Emerson, Roosevelt and West should lead the charge in Gary. All three have big front lines, but Emerson may be the "muscle" team with 7-1 Wallace Bryant, just a junior, along with 6-7 Dexter Grisby and 6-5 Albert Davis on the front line.

Other players to keep an eye on should be Jeff Williams, Logansport; Robbie Williams, Richmond; Steve Wisart, Kokomo Haworth; Willie Myles, Kokomo; Tom Craig, Evansville Bosse; Joe Hershman, River Forest; Ken Montgomery, Perry Meridian; and Kenny Howell, South Bend Adams.



Offensive stars

Chesterton senior Mark Armstrong (left) and Rogers' junior Brian Allen (right) led the balloting and share the Offensive Player of the Year Award on the Second Annual News-Dispatch All-Area football team. Both are ends. Both are school record holders for most receptions in a single season. (News-Dispatch photos by Scott Allen)

# Merrillville moves to Class AAA finals

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Tim Seneff caught a 21-yard touchdown pass in the second period, then set up a third-quarter score with a 44 yard pass interception return Friday night as Merrillville defeated St. Bend St. Joseph's 21-0 in a Class AAA high school football playoff game.

Merrillville will play Indianapolis Cathedral in the championship game next Friday.

The Pirates, combining a consistent offense with a swarming defense, scored a single touchdown in each of the first three quarters to put the game away.

Tom Szmagai, the game's leading rusher with 93 yards on 13 carries, scored first on a 26-yard run to culminate a 54-yard, first-quarter drive. Along the way, Szmagai also caught a 15-yard pass.

Seneff's 21-yard pass reception from Jeff Parker with :23 left in the

first half climaxed a 50-yard, six-play drive. He returned the intercepted pass to the St. Joseph's one-yard line in the third quarter to set up Woody Melcher's plunge for the score.

Merrillville also held St. Joseph's to zero yards rushing in the second half.

Class	Champion	Runner-up
Class A	Lawrenceburg 22, Sheridan 18	Lafayette Catholic 14, Oak Hill 0
Class AA	Mishawaka Marian 14, McCutcheon 7	Jasper 7, Indpls. Roncalli 6
Class AAA	Merrillville 21, St. Bend St. Joseph's 0	Indpls. Cathedral 7, Evansville Reitz 0

  

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Playoff Championship Pairings By The Associated Press	
Merrillville (10-1) at Indpls Cathedral (12-0)	Class AA
Jasper (12-0) at Mishawaka Marian (11-0)	Class A
Lawrenceburg (11-1) at Lafayette Cathedral (10-2)	Class A

# Devine displays high respect for Alabama

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine wants his team to know the truth — and nothing but the truth — as it prepares for its game Saturday against Alabama.

"They are quicker, stronger and more skilled than we are," says Devine of the Crimson Tide. "We might as well face up to that."

"The outstanding football teams line up and tell the other guy what they are going to do, then do it. We aren't strong enough physically to do that. We have to trick people.

That's not the way to do it. "Maybe we've run out of tricks."

It is only the fourth time in the last 48 years that the Crimson Tide has ventured out of the deep South for a regular season football game — and the first time the team has ever played in "the football capital of the world," as Alabama Coach Bear Bryant calls this northern Indiana city.

The two perennial powerhouses, usually among the top teams in the country, have had their problems

this year. And the reality of the situation is this: the loser of Saturday's game almost assuredly will be closed out of post-season bowl play.

"This is a big game," says Devine. "This is our bowl game."

The Crimson Tide, now 7-2 and ranked 10th, lost two of its first four games, including a 21-0 setback against Georgia. The Irish, 6-2 and No. 18, were bombed by top-ranked Pittsburgh 35-10 in their season-opener, then lost 23-14 to an undistinguished Georgia Tech team last

week.

Still, both teams are reportedly high as they prepare for their regionally televised showdown — their first since the Irish beat the Tide 13-11 in the 1975 Orange Bowl. The year before, Notre Dame captured the national championship with a thrilling 24-23 victory over Alabama in the 1974 Sugar Bowl.

Notre Dame lost one of its offensive standouts this week when co-captain and flanker Mark McLane was suspended from the squad for the rest of the season.