

## LEAGUE SEASON OPENS WITH GREATEST YEAR FORECAST FOR SUCCESS OF NATIONAL GAME

CHEERS GALORE  
AS FANS LIFT  
BASEBALL LIDLong Auto Parade With Bands  
an Ever'ing Precedes  
Tribe-Hen Game.

WEATHER MAN DELIVERS

## At Washington Park

Indians. Mud Hens.  
Emerich, rf. Kores, 3b.  
Zwilling, cf. Wilhoit, 1b.  
Covington, 1b. Jones, ss.  
Schreiber, ss. Beal, 2b.  
Walt, 3b. Fox or Thompson, 2b.  
Behr, 1b. McNeill or Bresnahan, c.  
Gossett, c. McCall or Middleton, p.  
Campbell-Knap and McCafferty.  
Time—3 o'clock.

By EDDIE ASH.

What's that we hear?  
Surely it isn't potatoes taking a sudden  
drop or the switchmen rushing back to  
work!

It's something more important to  
thousands of Indianapolis citizens today.  
It's the old electrifying cry of "PLAY  
BALL!"

With bands playing and people shouting  
the word of command, the proffered,  
the silk-shirt magnate and the political  
candidate were thrust aside in a  
moment of time as the baseball enthusiasts  
of the city took charge of things and  
went to the game with good old diamond  
enthusiasm.

THIS OPENING  
DAY A THRILLER.

Opening day always carries a thrill,  
but there was more thrill than ever in  
the demonstration staged this afternoon  
on the occasion of the Indianapolis club's  
1920 start in the American association.

The Chamber of Commerce, Rotary  
club, Advertising club, Kiwanis club,  
Knights of Columbus and other organiza-  
tions launched the parade with a flourish  
of flags and when they mobilized  
forces this afternoon there was no end  
of baseball excitement.

First, came the auto parade, starting  
at 1:45 and it was a REGULAR parade.  
Headed by mounted police, followed  
by state, city and county dignitaries,  
members of the Indianapolis and To-  
ledo clubs and just plain citizens, the  
parade attracted much attention as it  
passed over the downtown streets, and  
the signal for every one that could  
get away from work to make a  
break for Washington park.

**GOVERNOR, MAYOR  
AND OWNER SMITH.**  
In the first car in the parade were  
Gov. Goodrich, Mayor Jewett and Wil-  
liam C. Smith Sr., owner of the ball club.  
Following the car of honor were  
machine carrying the two team managers,  
Roger Bresnahan of Toledo and Jack  
Hendricks of Indianapolis.

Next came machines carrying the  
ball players of the two clubs, and follow-  
ing these were the Rotary club band,  
legation and other organizations in  
the positions assigned to them by Parade  
Manager Eggleston. Capt. E. E. Ekins  
of the police department was parade  
marshal.

Miscellaneous cars participated because  
all fans were welcome and they took po-  
sitions following the organized forces.  
The parade formed at Meridian and  
Vermont streets at 1:30 and started mov-  
ing at 1:45. The baseball parade moved  
west on Meridian to Ohio, east on Ohio  
to Pennsylvania, south on Pennsylvania  
to Washington and west on Washington  
to the ball park.

Soldiers took part in the parade and  
also attended the game. Fifty regulars  
from Ft. Benjamin Harrison participated,  
about 100 from the Speedway and also  
members of the local United States army  
and navy bands. The parade was  
conducted by Col. George Converse.

The soldiers rode in army trucks,  
the women in civilian clothes, and the  
entrance of the khaki clad into the big  
baseball stadium was a sight to be  
remembered. The parade was a success,  
and the bright sunlight of the morning  
put the final touch to the enthusiasm  
of the spectators and they felt sure that  
Indianapolis would capture the league  
trophy offered for the highest opening  
day attendance.

LEAGUE TROPHY  
GOAL OF FANS.

This city always has been the leader  
or among the leaders in turning out  
baseball crowds, and with the added  
spectacle of the various city organiza-  
tions, Washington park fans were liter-  
ally expected to judge this afternoon  
with the fans and fans less wild.

Gov. Goodrich and Mayor Jewett  
graced the parade and ball park with  
their presence, and they entered into the  
spirit of the occasion with keen enjoy-  
ment.

The governor occupied a special box  
at the game and it was in this box that  
the first ball to be used in the opening  
game was unwrapped.

After hundreds of hungry baseball eyes  
got peep at the sports a squad of  
female fans carried it to the govern-  
or to the mayor, who then took his  
annual turn on the Washington park  
pitching mound and threw the first ball  
over the plate.

Then the game was on!

A band that kept things lively in the  
side continued its musical footing be-  
hind the pitcher, and as a result,  
the huge crowd was kept properly  
tuned up throughout the contest.

The playing field was heavy, but the  
athletes were expected to step lively  
nevertheless and the soggy condition  
of the ground was forgotten by both players  
and fans under the stress of the impor-  
tance attached to the opening struggle.

POPULAR ROGER  
THE HEN LEADER.

The Indianapolis players were togged  
in new white uniforms, trimmed in  
cardinal, and they made a natty appear-  
ance on the field.

The Toledo athletes appeared in gray  
uniforms, and their manager, Roger  
Bresnahan, always popular with the  
fans, given a welcoming ovation by the fans.

Jack Hendricks sent his best available  
lineup against the invaders with Cal  
Crum doing the pitching and Gossett be-  
hind the bat.

The grandstand was profusely deco-  
rated and outside of a heavy field the  
setting was perfect for the grand base-  
ball opener.

Preceding the game a flag raising was  
scheduled with Gov. Goodrich and Mayor  
Jewett in charge of the ceremony.

The players, band and officials of the  
two clubs also participated. They were  
to march from the home plate to center  
field, where the flag was to be hoisted.

Wants to Trust Men  
For Smart Spring Suit  
Snappiest Styles in Town

Get it now. No use  
to wait when the first  
small payment gives  
you possession right  
away.

Men—young, old  
and in between—mar-  
ried or single—we  
want to show you  
some of the real  
spring styles. Suits  
are here to suit every  
man and no extra  
charge for credit in  
pay of our 42 stores.

Come and see them.  
Member's terms are  
most generous. Suits  
\$40 to \$80. \$20.00 down  
on \$20 purchase. We  
do as we advertise.  
Member, 111 South Illinois street,  
third door south of Maryland street.  
Open Saturday night until 9. We  
gladly open accounts with out-  
town customers.—Advertisement.

## The Openers Today

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.  
TOLEDO AT INDIANAPOLIS.  
Columbus at Louisville.  
Minneapolis at Kansas City.  
St. Paul at Milwaukee.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Boston at New York.  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.  
Chicago at Cincinnati.  
Pittsburg at St. Louis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
New York at Philadelphia.  
Washington at Boston.  
Detroit at Chicago.  
St. Louis at Cleveland.

## Opening Day Breezes

They're off for 168 games.  
It's a long road with many twists  
and turns.

Here's hoping the Indians make it a  
speedway and burn up the track.

President Smith will pay for the  
trip and he cares not how fast  
Jack Hendricks drives the Tribe ma-  
chine.

Political candidates looked with envy  
on the crowd. It was a much larger  
gathering than the present day office  
seeker sees when he is making speeches.

The governor and mayor went through  
it all with the spirit of democrats.

When Indianapolis boosters boost they  
do it from soup to nuts. That parade  
was put over in fine style.

The more baseball the best interest.

Russia might try organizing a couple  
of leagues. Ditto Mexico.

The low gas pressure went un-  
noticed. The players and fans go by  
on their own steam.

Owner Smith is not only an owner, but  
he is a fan. He was as much exhausted  
as the players at the finish. Before the  
game he said he would be willing to  
sell for thirty minutes without stopping  
if his Indians won.

Manager Jack Hendricks looked  
mighty little out on the coaching lines  
in his new togs. He is as hard as nails,  
due to daily workouts with his players  
during the spring training.

There were many opening day box  
parties. Women fans were numerous.

Roger Bresnahan, the Toledo manager,  
has a record in baseball that will go  
down in the books forever. When in  
prime he was among the great players  
of the game. Though a catcher and al-  
ways a man of much weight, he had the  
distinction of leading off in the batting  
order for the New York Giants. He was  
a great hitter, an exceptional base run-  
ner and could play any position in big  
league style. While in the majors he  
worked behind the bat and played in the  
outfield and on the infield. The Duke  
of Toledo has a diamond record that few  
players can approach.

## BOWLING

AT THE STATE TOURNEY.  
FT. WAYNE, Ind., April 14.—The  
Charmers, a Ft. Wayne team, hit a total  
of 2,552 in the state bowling tourney last  
night and landed in seventh place in the  
five-man events.

That was the only invasion made into  
the league by the teams of the three prin-  
cipal events.

Hamilton's crew in the Capital No. 2  
league started bad and finished worse  
last night, losing three games to the  
Stegmullers.

Krause Bros. had their wicked stuff  
with 'em and they tore off a bunch of  
wood. They wound up the night with  
a 1,600 count, putting a classy finishing  
touch on their three-game win over the  
New Style League.

Joseph was a regular starlighter. He  
garnered counts of 214, 211 and 225.

The Thornton Coffees were satisfied  
with a pair of victories over the Fern-  
dale A. C.

Hackerd was the only Ferndale that  
showed any stuff. Messal starred for  
the Thorntons.

West pounded out a 236 for the Cap-  
itol Specials and put them over the wire  
in their match with the Hoosier Coffees.

The Lucky Strikes took two from the  
Heller Coals.

Four Women Golfers  
to Sail for England

NEW YORK, April 14.—There will be  
four instead of three women golfers leav-  
ing this country Saturday to take part  
in the British women's championship to  
be held at New Castle, County Down,  
Ireland, the week of May 10.

Miss Rosamund Sherwood, the Long  
Island girl who represents the St.  
George's club, has been added to the list.  
Miss Sherwood will sail on the Baltic  
company with Miss Marion Hollins of  
West Brook, Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck and  
Miss Mildred Caverly of the Philadelphia  
Crickets club.

## COLONELS GET LONG.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 14.—Pitcher  
Tommy Long, who returned his contract  
undisputed and demanded increased sal-  
ary, has signed a new contract with the  
Louisville club and will report immed-  
iately.

They're away  
in the major  
leagues also

THEY'RE AWAY  
IN THE MAJOR  
LEAGUES ALSOBig Fellows Swing Into Action  
With a Record Season  
Promised.

Major league baseball teams were to-  
day swinging into action today with the  
formal opening of the 1920 season.  
Based upon the form exhibited in the  
spring training on southern diamonds,  
the sixteen clubs of the National and  
American leagues appeared to be in fair  
physical condition and baseball prophets  
forecast close races for the respective  
league flags as well as exceptional at-  
tendance and financial receipts due to  
the unusual interest in the game this  
year.

**GAMES NORTH.**  
EAST AND WEST.  
Eastern and western city clubs shared  
equally in the allotment of opening dates.  
In the National league Boston played  
at New York while Philadelphia was to  
make its first appearance at Brooklyn.

The western division teams of the  
organization clashed with Chicago  
at Cincinnati and Pittsburg at St. Louis.  
The American league schedule called  
for New York to play Philadelphia;  
Washington at Boston; Detroit at Chi-  
cago; St. Louis at Cleveland.

The games to be played in the National  
league today were to inaugurate the forty-  
fifth consecutive season for the senior  
major league organization. Dates  
back to 1876, when the Chicago club won  
the first pennant.

While it will be fully a month be-  
fore any accurate line can be ob-  
tained upon the real strength of the  
teams, it will appear from the form  
displayed in spring practice that they  
can be grouped generally at this time  
as follows:

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cago and Philadelphia clubs appear to be  
stronger than last season, while New  
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**YANKEES.**—Fair condition; pitchers  
not in best form; plenty of individual  
ability among players, but a lack of  
teamwork.

**GIANTS.**—Good condition; ability of  
young infielders a question; pitchers  
and outfielders ready; team as a whole  
hitting well.

**DOUGHERS.**—Fine condition; shifts on  
the infield that placed Oleson secured.  
Johnson at third and Ward at short  
working fine. Pitcher in form.

**BRAYS.**—Four condition; owing to  
raw training weather; pitchers un-  
steady.

**RED SOX.**—Fair condition; morale of  
players at low ebb; absence of aggres-  
sive spirit noticeable.

**PHILLIES.**—Rebuilt with youngsters  
and full of new life; in good condition.  
PHILLIES—Probably stronger than  
last year and in fine condition.

**WASHINGTON.**—In fine shape and ad-  
ditionally stronger than in 1919; batting  
and fielding in good early season form.

**WHITE SOX.**—Good condition; plenty  
of individual ability among veterans but  
a lack of cohesion in team work and  
some dissension.

**CUBS.**—Fairly good condition. Despite  
long trip to coast; pitchers in form;  
team work below standard;  
pitchers unsteady.

**BROWNS.**—Fine condition; pitching  
fair; players high spirited and team  
looks like "dark horse."

**CARDINALS.**—Top form physically  
except several pitchers, who need more  
conditioning.

**PILES.**—In fair shape; team work  
not perfected; loss of Catcher Schmidt  
and Shortstop Barabie being handicap.

**SPOKES.**—Fine condition; favored gen-  
erally as pennant winners; pitching and  
fielding in good form.

**TRIBE.**—Fair condition; need strong  
pitching; fielding and batting should be  
up to standard.

Rooney to Pilot Revere  
Car in 500-Mile Race

The entry of Tom Rooney, superin-  
tendent of the Revere automobile plant of  
Logansport, to drive the Revere racer in the  
500-mile automobile classic here, May  
31, was received yesterday by speedway  
officials.

Rooney is an old hand at the speed  
game, and has participated in several In-  
dianapolis races, driving Stutz and Pre-  
mier cars.

"Y" Indiana Water  
Clash on April 17;  
Other Meets Sought

Coaches Rathbun and Jordan got to-  
gether on the long distance phone last  
night and completed arrangements for  
the dual swimming meet to be held at  
Bloomington Saturday, April 17, be-  
tween the swimming fraternity of Indi-  
ana university and the Indianapolis "Y"  
team.

While the local boys have the advan-  
tage of being brought up in a swim-  
mer's atmosphere, created by the vari-  
ous swimming organizations of Indian-  
apolis, the Bloomington lads offset this  
by more intensive training and a larger  
squad.

The Indianapolis entrants will be  
competing in a tank thirty yards long  
as against the twenty-yard length of  
the "Y" tank, where they have done  
all their practicing, which would seem  
to give the collegians a decided advan-  
tage.

However, both teams are unknown  
quantities, and any advance dope is  
purely hazy.

Couch Jordan of the "Y" is negotiat-  
ing with DeFauw and some other or-  
ganizations for swimming meets, in an  
effort to hold the "Y" team together  
until the state "Y" meet at Ft. Wayne.

## Harvard Draws Pole

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—Draw-  
ings for position at the annual relay  
carnival of the University  
of Pennsylvania on April 30 and May 1  
were made public today. The two-  
mile college relay championship, in  
which the Oxford-Cambridge team is  
entered, Harvard drew the pole position;  
Michigan, No. 2, and Illinois, No. 3,  
while the British team drew the tenth  
position, which will be about the middle  
of the track.

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## AN INNING WITH THE AMATEURS

By CHARLIE LOKIAN

The Arsenal Club want games with the  
class of the 16-year-old talent. They got  
wills at a flying start by defeating the  
St. Mary Juniors, 20 to 2. For games  
call Woodruff 1093 and ask for James.

The Haughville Stars have organized  
for the season and are ready for battle  
with any colored teams in the city. Call  
Belmont 641 and ask for Squire.

Teams desiring dates with the In-  
dianapolis Merits are requested to  
communicate with William Bell 2117  
South New Jersey street, at the ear-  
liest possible date.

Outfielders can find jobs with the In-  
dianapolis White Sox. The team is one  
of the best in the amateur class and will  
play out-of-town ball this summer. There  
will be a meeting at 1523 Brookside av-  
enue tonight and those desiring infor-  
mation should attend.

Some of the south sliders quit work  
a week ago to go into spring training  
with the rooting corps.

"Bazz" Sullivan and "Dumpy" Connors  
were booked for a trip to Washington  
park this afternoon and they were going  
to sit in the grandstand. They sat in  
the grandstand.

Lee Magee Tries  
to Attach Gate

CINCINNATI, April 14.—Lee Magee  
today filed suit against the Chicago Cubs  
in the common pleas court of Cincinnati  
for \$5,500 "damages and breach of con-  
tract," and also sought attachment pa-  
pers to take the gate receipts of the  
Cubs at Redland park.

Gerry Herman at once provided law-  
yers to protect the interests of the Chi-  
cago club.

President Veck of the Cubs, expressing  
astonishment at Magee's action, made the  
following statement:

"After the confession Magee made to  
myself and John Heydler this is the  
limit for suit. We'll fight him to a finish  
and show him up so completely that he  
won't be heard of in baseball for the bal-  
ance of his days."

## Vassar Boosts Baseball

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April  
14.—So great is the interest in base-  
ball at Vassar college this spring  
that it is likely the athletic associa-  
tion will make the game a major  
sport, to rank with hockey and  
basketball.

Catchers Veach is requested to call  
Dutch Thiesing at Washington 4963.  
Thiesing is connected with a strong in-  
dustrial team of Dayton.

## Boxing

PEORIA, Ill., April 14.—The Johnny  
Griffiths-Jack Coyne ten-round bout  
here brought little action, and while  
Griffiths carried a big advantage in  
eight of the ten rounds, the fight was  
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## BURNAN RALLIES.

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State Mat Honors  
at Stake in Bouts  
In City Tomorrow

Three Hoosier mat titles, heavyweight,  
middleweight and welterweight, will be  
contested for tomorrow night at  
Tomlinson hall, where the Indiana state  
wrestling tournament will be staged.

The journey, which is open to all  
wrestlers in the state, is creating quite  
a little interest.

There will be two curtain-raiser bouts  
on the card, the first one starting at 8  
o'clock.

Both the Indianapolis and Toledo  
baseball clubs have been extended in-  
vitations to the matches and will oc-  
cupy ringside seats.

M. Charleson, promoter, has announced  
that each bout will be decided by two  
out of three falls, but if the first fall  
requires forty minutes then it will take  
only one to decide the winner.

Hugh Webb, welterweight, and Gus  
Wachstetter, heavyweight, both of In-  
dianapolis, are two favorites to cop their  
matches.

## BOXING

BROCK AND MURPHY.  
CLEVELAND, April 14.—Matt Brock,  
Cleveland featherweight, and Teddy  
Murphy, Chicago, will meet in a ten-  
round bout tonight. Tommy Gavran,  
middleweight, will try to stage a come-  
back against Billy Mercer, Pittsburg, in  
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