

FANS HOPE FOR SUNSHINE AS FIRST DOUBLE HEADER OF BASEBALL SEASON IS SCHEDULED

TRIBESMEN AND COLONELS TRY SECOND EFFORT

Rivals Hoped to Play Despite Gloom Clouds—Double Header Tomorrow.

Barring snow the Indians hoped to get a crack at the Colonels this afternoon.

The series opener yesterday was called off because of rain and cold, but during the night the athletes sort of got used to the return of winter and they figured on staging a contest today despite the frigid atmosphere.

After resting, in view of inability of the team to get together Friday a double header has been carded for Sunday, first game starting at 2 o'clock.

It is not customary to play two games in one day, but the Indians are to the fact that postponed games are piling up. Managers Hendricks and McCarthy decided it would be wise to play a double at traction now in order to lighten the schedule.

Indianapolis is being hit hard by all brands of weather and it seems as though the Hoosiers drew the jinx ticket in the 1920 schedule drawing.

The players are in good shape and with a rigid weather prevailing it was expected that today's contest would see the athletes speeding up things in order to keep warm.

Tomorrow being April 25, which according to the calendar, means that May soon will be here, there is a possibility of the sun coming out for a blust, at least.

And if the sunbeams do show there's no doubt but that a huge crowd will attend the twin bills.

The small boys had a problem to solve today. They had to decide between carrying water for the elephants and watching for foul balls.

Ralph Shinners is anxious to start in a game. That hit him as a good hit against Toledo makes Ralph feel he has overcome the nervousness that comes to all recruits breaking in.

Ollie O'Mara is due to break out in hits again. He missed out in the Columbus league to reorganize.

It was cold enough today for the Hot Stove league to reorganize.

Vice President Smith had a long distance telephone engagement scheduled today with Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Dreyfuss is in a position of possibility of a deal being made whereby the Tribe will obtain a pitcher from the Pirates. Dreyfuss some time ago promised the Indians a pitcher club. This will be a special confab on an important subject and Mr. Jarvis will be present Sunday please call Prostec.

YANKEE PITCHER TO COAST. SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 23.—Sports writer of the Pacific Coast League announced today Pitcher J. Devitts, from the New York Americans, will join the team next week.

TOOTS SCHULTZ SOLD. PORTLAND, Ore., April 24.—Wade Killefer, manager of the Los Angeles team of the Pacific Coast League, today announced the sale of Pitcher Toots Schultz to the Joplin club of the Western league.

VITT JOINS RED SOX. WASHINGTON, April 24.—Manager Parrow of the Boston Americans announced Friday that Ossie Vitt, third baseman, who has been under a signed contract, had notified him that he would join the team at New York the latter part of next week.

He said Vitt would be used as a utility infielder.

BOXING

FULTON MAY GET SECOND CHANCE

CHICAGO, April 24.—There is a chance for Fred Fulton to be the opponent for Jimmie Wilde in Benton Harbor on July 5.

From Portland, Oregon, today came a report from Fulton's manager.

Both Promoter Fitzsimmons and Manager Jack Kearns declare they prefer Fulton to Jimmie Wilde to come here to come here at once and close the match.

In a previous bout between Dempsey and Fulton the former won in the first round.

SHARKEY DEMANDS \$25,000.

BOSTON, April 24.—Jack Sharkey, New York, has been writing to Jimmie Wilde in London next fall for not less than \$25,000, he declared to his in his reply to the National Sporting Club here. Sharkey, who is to come here at once and close the match.

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Must Beat Reds

CHICAGO, April 24.—Any team that wants to beat the Reds this year will win the pennant," said Scout Patsy Donovan of the Cubs today.

"They look fully as good as they did last season, and it will take some great luck to beat them."

"They are sure to be right up in the race at all times."

"They play a superior article of baseball and if they get the pitching they did last season they are going to be tough customers for the best of them."

WORKS HARD FOR TEAM



CATCHER DICK GOSSETT.

No Kicking Heard in Big Leagues on New Pitching Code

Majors Faithfully Living Up to Rules—Intentional Pass Still Goes.

NEW YORK, April 24.—No robs, bloodshed or fatal trimmings will be attended the enforcement of the new major league pitching rules.

Hurlers of both leagues are keeping so close to the law that very few complaints have been made.

Bob Shawkey of the Yanks, accused Bob Shawkey of doctoring the ball, but the umpires could find no evidence.

What effect it has in bat is impossible to estimate at this time of the season. However, one result is apparent—the game has not been speeded up.

The major games so far this season have averaged two hours and ten minutes.

Some pitchers, such as Jack Quinn of the Yankees, are naturally slow workers in the box.

Conrad, spitball pitcher, and Al Sommer, a former "shiner," pitched one of the fastest games of the season in one hour and thirty-six minutes.

The intentional pass may have been used in some new rules, but it has not been stopped.

It is just as easy to get rid of a dangerous batter by a base on balls as it was before.

In addition to being a high class backstop, Dick Gossett, veteran Tribe receiver, possesses the valuable asset of being able to hit in the tight places.

Gossett also is a splendid thrower both right and left, and it is his desire to get right if the weather only will permit.

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