

# Crack Shortstop Added to Hoosiers' Roster in Transaction With the New York Giants

## Eddie Sicking Obtained for Tribe Infield

Manager Hendricks Closes Surprise Deal in Which Indians Get Star.

## STILL AFTER PLAYERS

Manager Jack Hendricks returned to Indianapolis from New York with the surprise announcement that he had obtained infielder Eddie Sicking for the 1921 Indians.

Sicking is a shortstop of class and, according to Cincinnati ratings, he is a better performer than Crane when all-around qualifications are compared.

Sicking comes to the Hoosiers as the closing part of the Hendricks deal with the New York Giants and has played with both Giants and Reds during his time in the big leagues. John McGraw obtained him from San Antonio in 1918 and he was with the Giants in 1919 and part of 1920, when he was grabbed by the Reds by the winter route.

Pat Moran used Eddie often last season and all the time he was with the Reds Cincinnati papers spoke of him highly as a ball player. He is a Cincinnati boy and Red fans no doubt will regret to see him taken out of the Queen City line-up. While he has been asked to him, however, and John McGraw immediately obtained him again and then turned him over to the Hoosiers.

He is a right-handed batter and will fit in nicely in the new line-up being built by Hendricks. The addition of this star gives the Tribe an Association infielder, Sicking, Schreiber and Lutke, a high-class infield lay-out, but according to Hendricks, he is not through searching for talent and is in the market for another performer.

The coming of Sicking gives the Indians four players for catcher, infielder and any fan will have to admit that a deal of that sort is worth boasting over. The other athletes obtained in the Hendricks trade to the Giants are Infielder Baird, Outfielder Kinsella and Catcher Dixon, the first two of known Class A quality and the last named a promising minor leaguer.

Manager Hendricks says these winter deals mean a flying start for next year's team because he'll know early what his winter acquisitions are. The 1920 Hoosiers were handicapped by an uncertain starting line-up and by players reporting late, and as a result the team lost the spring training was lost. Therefore, the organization of the club during the winter months will give the Tribe the best chance to take a real squad of athletes to the training camp and build a line-up that will stand up with the Association rival from the opening bell.

Hendricks talked with the 1921 players with Vice President Smith while in New York and Smith urged him to continue to keep his eyes open for talent. He is the desire of the Tribe officials to be in the pennant running from the start and at the rate the Hoosiers are being obtained the fans are convinced that they are going to see something good next spring.

Efforts to get Sanny Crane have been given up, as Cincinnati desires to keep him to use in a proposed trade. However, Sicking is believed a better possibility if he performs in the manner expected, and the Hoosiers are confident that the deal is not the only association club bidding for Sicking, but the fact that he was the first choice of the Hoosiers gave the Hoosiers first chance because of the Hendricks deal.

Hendricks has Reag, Shimmers, Kinsella and Van Dyke for outfield material, but he does not intend to overlook any opportunities to make additions to that department. He is also striving to bolster the pitching staff and catching department, although the team is not short off in either place.

At any rate the 1921 Tribe prospects are unusually bright and, with more deals in the making, Indiana is sure to "be there" when the curtain goes up next spring.

## TY SAYS HE'LL LEAD WINNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Ty Cobb is the new leader of the Detroit American Leaguers. The Georgia Peach will assume his duties as manager of the Tigers at once, and do everything in his power to build up a strong team for the coming season.

Cobb declared that he did not seek the position, but accepted it because Owner Navin insisted that the team needed him as a leader. "I very much would have preferred to fly aside all my ambitions in the managerial line until such time as I felt myself slipping," Cobb stated.

"But, now that I have decided to take the plunge," he continued, "I intend to be the best manager in the league. I will fight hard to make myself as successful a leader as I have been a player. In the new time I do not intend to allow any managerial burdens to detract from my playing. There is Speaker who has been to great lengths to get the Cleveland Indians. In my opinion what any player has ever done I believe I can duplicate."

It is said Cobb's contract calls for \$30,000.

## FACTION TALK IN AMERICAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The "insurgent" faction in the American League is said to be preparing to launch a revolt against President Johnson's move in keeping its members of the board of directors. The insurgent faction is headed by H. P. Johnson, president of the Yankees, Harry Frazee of the Red Sox, and Charles A. Conkley of the White Sox, who in a statement issued jointly when it is completed, according to reports.

## TIGERS GET FIELDER

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The sale of Joe Shannon, outfielder, to the Detroit Americans, and of Ed Fisher, pitcher, to San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League, was announced by the Akron International League Club today.

## COBB'S OTHER INTEREST

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 20.—New Haven will become a farm for the Detroit Tigers next season, according to an agreement reached by Manager Ty Cobb and George Weiss, owner of the New Haven Club. Cobb has purchased a small interest in the local club.

## Inconsistent Nags of Racing May Be Barred From Wagering Eligibles

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20.—A drive against "turf slickers" profiting by the performance of non-performers of notorious "in-and-outers" will be launched at the next meeting of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, it was said today by a group of men interested in cleaning the racing game in this State.

It will be suggested that the racing commission should make it a condition that no horse should be allowed to race unless it has won at least one race in the past season. The commission is said to be considering this suggestion as a means of eliminating the "turf slickers" who are now being used to make Kentucky racing a money-making proposition. It is proposed to spot these inconsistent nags with wagers positions as long as they show no uniformity in performance.

## Predicts Women Gridders

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Varsity football played by women is suggested as likely to be a few years away, according to Cavanaugh, coach of the Boston College team. "Women have shown they could fight," he said, "and I should not be surprised if in five years there was agitation for varsity football among the women's colleges."

## Em-Roes Well Fixed for Real Game With Triangle Quintette

Teamwork of Locals Shows Improvement—Visitors to Have Strong Line-up.

That the Em-Roe basketball team will present as formidable a line-up against the Dayton Triangles Tuesday night, at the Y. M. C. A., as it has played on the floor in the past few seasons, is the opinion of those who saw the Em-Roe play Wabash at Crawfordsville, last Thursday night.

The passing and general play of the team was about 100 per cent better in the second Wabash tilt than it was when the two teams met in the first battle of the season for the Em-Roe. Practice, and lots of it, has rounded the team into exceptional shape and those fans who desire real basketball must see it Tuesday night.

The Dayton Triangles will throw a formidable team at the Em-Roes Tuesday night. This much is gathered from the line-up the Ohioans will bring to Indianapolis. The Dayton team and the Em-Roes have been long rivals for independent basketball supremacy of Ohio and Indiana. Some stiff contests have been waged between the organizations in the past few years, and the ones this season will be no tame affairs.

The Em-Roe probably will line up with Carlisle and Schoeneman, forwards; Campbell, center, and Behrent and Frid, guards. Besides these men, there are O. Behrent and Hennessey, both competent forwards, well able to take care of the scoring end of the machine. Tickets for the contest are now on sale at the Em-Roe store.

## BANTAM TITLE GO THIS WEEK

Joe Lynch Slated for Trial With Herman in Wednesday Scrap.

By JACK VELOCK, International News Sports Editor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Joe Lynch, New York's popular aspirant to the bantamweight championship, will find out this week whether he has been chasing a mirage.

Lynch will get his first chance at the coveted title over the decision route Wednesday night, when he meets Champion Pete Herman in a fifteen-round title bout at Madison Square Garden.

Confidence is Lynch's middle name. He feels that he will walk from the ring Wednesday night with the championship laurels on his brow. His confidence has a foundation in the fact that he is the best bantam on Herman's trail and that he gained a popular decision over Herman in a fifteen-round bout at Waterbury a little over a year ago.

Since capturing the title from Kid Williams in 1917 Herman has defended it but once in a decision bout when he met Frankie Burns in a fifteen-round scrap in New Orleans. However, the champion is confident that he can take care of his crown, for he has already signed to meet Jimmy Wilde in a title bout in London Jan. 14 and has arranged to sail for England next Thursday, the day following his bout with Lynch.

Herman thinks well of Lynch, too. "He is easily the best of the contenders for my title," said the bantamweight champion today. "That's one reason why I am giving him a shot at the championship. I don't want it to be said I took the trip abroad to duck a title bout on this side of the pond."

As I said before, I think Lynch is quite a fighter. I also think I can kick him. I've fought him three times here, once in Philadelphia and once in Waterbury. I hear he has improved a lot. I haven't gone back any, I think."

The bout between the little fellows is causing much interest and it is expected to draw the biggest house that has been attracted by a match between bantams in the East.

## BASKET-BALL

COLLEGE.

Wabash, 23; State Normal, 17.  
Chicago, 25; Butler, 12.  
Indiana, 41; Manchester, 12.  
Valparaiso, 46; Hahnemann Medical, 77.  
Millikin, 20; Illinois, 24.  
The following are the results of the basketball games played last night:

Shortridge, 21; Fairmount, 20.  
Shelbyville, 24; Manual, 23.  
Rochester, 21; Lebanon, 18.  
Chicago, 25; Butler, 12.  
Kokomo, 38; Elwood, 18.  
Muncie, 24; Bloomington, 17.  
Bloomington, 15; Hartford City, 12.  
Ben Davis, 25; West Newton, 18.  
New Augusta, 34; Morrisstown, 20.  
Jefferson, 15; Morrison, 30.  
Walton, 22; Eaton, 12.  
Oolitic, 22; Lyons, 19.  
Carmel, 30; New Augusta, 23.  
Whiting, 25; La Porte, 15.  
Roachdale, 48; Bainbridge, 13.  
Letts, 42; Scipio, 10.  
Montpelier, 25; Ellettsburg, 10.  
Whiting, 25; La Porte, 15.  
La Crosse, 12; La Porte, 15.  
Advance, 48; Waynetown, 8.

## INDEPENDENT.

Vincennes, 30; Oolitic, 20.  
Deaf School, 25; Christmases, 19.  
Turners, 30; New Palestine, 4.  
Zionsville, 11; H. P. C. A., 12.  
Lewisville, 18; Liberty, 17.  
Boys' Club Midgets, 17; Grapplers, 14.  
I. A. C. Boys' Club, 19.  
Fairland, 19; Ben Schoen, 8.  
Arlington A. C.'s, 21; Ferndale, 13.  
Letts, 34; Burney, 10.  
Fairbanks-Morse, 17; "Y" Leaders, 14.  
New Palestine Legion, 24; Westland, 17.

The New Palestine Zions proved easy for the South Side Turners in their contest on the Turner court Saturday night. The count being 44 to 4 in favor of the local crew when festivities closed. At least four Turner competitors were seen on the floor during the game, all subs getting plenty of work, but the offensive force of each seemed about the same. In the curtain raiser, the Turner seconds scored an easy victory over the Phil Kappa Theta Fraternity. The Turners are booking games to be played here and through the State with the best independent teams and those desiring to meet them should address Tom Quill, basketball manager, South Side Turner hall.

The Independent Athletic Club combination forced to travel a merry pace to beat the Jay-Glooms, 19 to 10, on Oct. 8. A poor Saturday night. Although losing 19 to 10, the Jay-Glooms, in the first half, the Independents were sent to the lower side of the count by a Jay-Gloom rally early in the second period and were

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKET GOSSIP

One point was all that separated the local high schools from a perfect record in the last week of play. When Shelbyville nosed out Manual, 24 to 23, Saturday night, at the Y. M. C. A., it marked the only defeat of the week for the city high school basketball teams. Shortridge won two games, beating Thornton, 19 to 16, Friday, and Fairmount the following night, 20 to 17. Manual, in the only game of the week for the east side, wallowed Columbus on Saturday night, 30 to 17. Manual, after downing Crawfordsville, 30 to 17, on Friday, spoiled the good work by succumbing to Shelbyville.

Christmas vacation will not mean vacation to basketball men of the three high schools, as the managers of the respective institutions have marked out a schedule for the holidays that will keep the athletes on the go continuously.

Tech will meet Pendleton Wednesday night, and the following day Coach Black will take his men to Bloomington for a game with the speeding high school quintette of that city. This will close the activities of the Green and White basketballers for the week, but they will start right in again on Tuesday when they will go to Logansport and on Saturday will engage in the four-cornered tourney at Brownsburg, Advance, Ellettsburg, Brownsburg and Tech are the schools entered in the tourney, and if all goes well, the Hoosiers will be in the city by the time the holidays are over. It will be no small feat in their last. Shortridge will meet Muncie on Wednesday night, the week on the road. This is the only contest of the Blue and White card for this week, but the following week will be a strenuous one for Coach Julius' protégés.

Logansport triumphed over Hartford City 13 to 12 in one of the feature northern Indiana contests of the week-end. Special interest was attached to this contest because Homer Stoner, Logansport mentor, last year coached Hartford City.

## MAJOR CLUBS SELECT CAMPS

Texas Draws Many of Big Leaguers for Spring Training.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With the exception of the St. Louis Browns, all of the major league clubs have completed their training camps. The majority of the teams will seek new places, only six of them returning to last year's camps.

Texas is the favorite State this year. Two are going to Louisiana, two to Florida, two to Arkansas and one to California. Hot Springs and San Antonio will entertain a pair of clubs each, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boston Red Sox at the former place, while the New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers under their manager, Ty Cobb, go to the Texas resort.

The Brooklyn champions and the New York Yankees will train in the same neighborhood at New Orleans, and will engage in a series of training games. Training places are announced:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Cincinnati .....Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Pittsburgh .....Hot Springs, Ark.  
Chicago .....Louisiana.  
St. Louis .....Orange, Texas.  
New York .....San Antonio, Texas.  
Brooklyn .....Shreveport, La.  
Philadelphia .....Galvestone, Texas.  
Boston .....Galvestone, Texas.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
New York .....Shreveport, La.  
Washington .....Tampa, Fla.  
Boston .....Hot Springs, Ark.  
Philadelphia .....Lake Charles, La.  
Chicago .....Waxahatche, Texas.  
Detroit .....San Antonio, Texas.  
Cleveland .....Shreveport, La.  
St. Louis .....Not decided.

Texas has long been considered the ideal State for training and the property of the 1920 season makes it possible for teams to go to more distant places.

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## Butler Basketeers Give Chicago Scare in Thrilling Scrap

Indiana and Wabash Score Easy Victories in Other Saturday Games.

There was little to get excited over in the collegiate basketball games played in Indiana Saturday night, but the Butler Basketeers made room for a little gossip when they went up into Chicago and held last year's Conference champions on the short end of the count until the final stages of a hot battle, only to be nosed out at the finish.

Indiana's quintette won from Manchester by a 44-to-32 score, and Wabash handed State Normal a 28-to-17 lacing in the only college games played in Hoosierdom.

The Chicago Maroons don't care for another such scare as that handed them by the Irvington club. The first half of their contest was a nip-and-tuck affair, closing with Butler in the lead, 7 to 3. The Bulldogs continued setting the pace until the second period was more than half over, when the effects of the cold battle with Purdue Friday night started to show and they were forced to slow up considerably. The Maroons spurred at this point and managed to slip out in front for a 23 to 21 victory.

BUTLER BOYS

CARL ZEIGER

Page's men carried the fight to the Chicago five at all times and a more willing team never performed on the Windy City court. Maroon players found plenty of room to praise the losers and their wonder man, Coach Vaughan, will practice with the Maroons today and Tuesday, then hit it over to Bloomington for a game with the Bloomington Collegians Wednesday night. The Bloomington contest will be the last of their title race.

Adams and Goldsberry led the Wabash offensive drive, which proved the sending of the Normal work. The Scar-let machine had some trouble getting down to business in the first period, and it was several minutes before they could score, but the baskets came fast after Goldsberry had started them off with a free throw.

The feature of the game was the brilliant passing of the Wabash five. Time and again the Scarlet worked the ball over the court, bringing it immediately under the basket for "dead" shots. The Normalites did have a powerful offense and the work of Burns and Grater, Wabash guards, forced the losers to take most of the night's shot. The Wabash players supplied the scoring feature for Normal. Coach Vaughan threw an entire second round, Wabash team, the scrap during the second period.

Manchester furnished little or no opposition for the climax game at Bloomington. With the regulars making baskets almost at will, the Indiana subs were left out of the game. The Scar-let team, however, did not let the first session close. The regulars went back in shortly beneath the glare of the Scarlet work and continued a heavy bombardment of the hoops. Besides running all around Manchester, the Wabash players played the Indiana athletes threw a stonewall defense around their basket and it was only by the aid of the Scarlet work that the players hit the ring. They making most of their points on hurried lung shots. Schuler, substituted for Marmon, took the front position in Indiana's scoring column with five baskets.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 20.—Mike O'Dowd, former middleweight boxing champion, announced here that he would pay \$5,000 in cash out of his own pocket to Johnny Wilson, who won the middleweight title last spring, for a fifteen-round return match with Wilson.

O'Dowd, who returned to his home here last night from the East, said he had offered Wilson \$5,000 for a match with the former champion.

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## He's Lone Grider

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Somewhere west of Columbus, the twenty-fourth member of Ohio State University's Western Conference football champions is speeding toward Pasadena, Cal. He is Thurlow Wilder, half back, full of hope that he will be given an opportunity to play in the New Year's game.

Buckeye officials thought they would not need Wilder in the game and left him behind when the special left Columbus Saturday morning. Before the train reached Chicago, however, Coach Wilce changed his mind. A telegram from the special directed Wilder to catch the next train. He did, and he's on his way alone.

First honors in the Indianapolis Gun Club shoot Saturday went to B. F. Remy with a score of 50 slays out of a possible 100. Lon Smith followed closely with 88 and H. S. Lewis shattered 86 for third place. Ford led the pros with the highest mark of the day, pulling down 96 of the birds. A raw wind made the targets perform queer tricks and shooting was extremely difficult. The shoot next Saturday will start at 2 o'clock.

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