

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 rating he is a better performer than Grand when all-around qualifications are considered.

Sicking was with the Hoosiers as the closing part of the Hoosier 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 waiver route.

Pat Moran used Eddie often last season and at 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 city. While he has been a losing asset to him, however, and Joan McGraw immediately obtained him again and then turned him over to the Hoosiers.

He is a right-handed batter and will be a valuable line-up being built by Hendricks. The addition of this star gives the Tribe Covington, Baldwin, Sicking, Schreiber and Lutze, a high-class line-up, 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 a player for the first year team 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 Indefender Paul, pitcher Kinsella and Catcher Dixon, the first two known Class AA quality and the last named a promising minor league.

Manager Hendricks says these white deals are typical of the year team because he knew early what his roster contains. The 1920 Hoosiers were handicapped by an uncertain starting line-up and by players departing and as a result, part of the benefit of the spring training was lost. Therefore, the revitalization of the club during the cold months will give the club the chance to take a real squad of athletes to the training camp and build a line-up that can back up the Association rival from the opening bell.

Hendricks talked over his 1921 plans with Vice President Smith while in New York. Smith has no objection to keep his eyes open for material. It is the desire of the Tribe officials to be in the pennant running from the start and at the end of the year, when the Indians are in the lead, the fans are convinced that they are going to see something good next spring.

Efforts to get Sammy Crane have been given up, as Cincinnati desires to keep him to use a proposed trade. However, Sicking is believed a better possibility, especially in the manner Cincy critics say he can perform. Indianapolis was not the only association club bidding for Sicking, but the fact that he was the property of the Giants gave the Hoosiers first chance because of the Hendricks deal.

Hendricks has Rehg, Shifner, Kinsella and Van Dyke for outfield material, but does not intend to make 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 bad at all.

At any rate the 1921 Tribe prospects are unusually bright and, with more deals in the making, Indianapolis 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. He very much would have preferred to lay aside all my ambitions in the managerial line until such time as I felt myself slipping.

"But I have decided that I have decided to take the plunge," he continued. "I intend to be the best manager. I will fight and fight hard to make myself as successful as a leader as I have been a player. In the meantime I do not intend to have any managerial burdens to detract from my playing. There is Speaker who has risen to great heights as leader of 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 a statement regarding President Johnson's move in keeping its members in the fold.

Colonels Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston of the Yankees, Harry Frazee of the Red Sox, and Charles A. Comiskey of the White Sox, will sign the statement 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 Flaherty, 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 small interest in the local club.

Inconsistent Nags of
Racing May Be Barred
From Wagering Eligibles

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20.—A drive against "slackers" profiting by the performances of non-wagering horses "in-and-outs" will be launched at the start of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, it was said today by a group of men interested in cleansing the racing field in the State.

It will be suggested that the racing rules be amended so that the sale of parimutuel tickets on inconsistent horses will be prohibited. It is the idea of the men, to provide that its owner be paid the price while the backers of the second, third and fourth horses in the race would be paid off with win, place and show money, respectively.

That a number of horses are now being raced on Kentucky tracks that are "non-wagerers" and that were to be run up goes up the may after and again they may not thus depriving bettors from obtaining a run for their money. It is proposed to spot these inconsistencies and to ban their positions as long as they show no uniformity in performances.

Predicts Women Gridders

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Varsity football played by women is suggested as likely in a few years by Frank W. 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

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Christmas vacation will not mean vacation to basket-ball men of the Green and White. The respective institutions have marked out a schedule for the holidays that will keep the athletes on the go continuously.

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