

Gossip From Spring Baseball Camps, Bowling, Boxing, Amateurs and Other Sports

Indians Make 1921 Bow in Contest With Reds

Fans Get Chance to See New Members of Tribe Perform.

OPENING PLANS GROW

With the gladsome welcome-home festivities and their bolts, the 1921 Indians today were ready to make their initial bow before Washington Park fans in an exhibition contest with the Cincinnati Reds and, due to the fact that in many glowing things, the Indians beat out of the other of the season's buster squad, a large crowd of diamond enthusiasts was expected to be on hand to see the Hendrickson tangle with Pat Moran's National Leaguers. The game was carded to start at 3:30 o'clock.

The March 15 famous southpaw who got his first in the city under Charlie Carr some years ago, was down on the books to hurl against the Tribe this afternoon and opposing him was to be Sterling Stryker, the big right-hander of the Indians. Sammy Carson, former local shortstop, was to appear at that position with the Cincy boys and Bubbedy Harrgrave, former St. Paul catcher, was expected to do the backstop for the visitors.

ATREAU GETS CHANCE TO PLAY.

Big Tex Covington was unable to appear at his first base position for the Indians today, but he has an able substitute in Dick Atreau and this young fellow was assigned the job. Atreau displayed marked ability in the Sun and, though a little green at the position, he gave to the Tribe a chance to win.

Manager Kinsella, however, means not to accept the honor, but he is not expected to be modest when it comes to carrying out the duties of the field leadership.

Covington, the oldest player in point of service on the local infield, is also big and bold enough to stand in on any argument and command attention. At least it is not thought that any one will care to push Tex out of the way.

to the fans in the line-up today were to be Shinn, second base; Baird third base and Dixon catcher.

The Reds are here for two days after which the Tribe will meet the Butler College boys Friday, Detroit Americans Saturday and Sunday and Cleveland Saturday and Sunday and Cleveland Americans Monday. When these contests have been played the Indians will be properly tuned up for the opening of the American League season the next Wednesday, and from all indications it is going to be the biggest baseball opening the city ever has seen.

BOOSTERS SWING INTO ACTION.

Starting Tuesday, when the Indians landed back home from the Southland, the local baseball boosters swing into action and the organization, being given the command, surely will have given the powerful kick by next Wednesday when the Columbus team invades the city to crack open the A. A. schedule on the Tribe's home lot.

The American Club took the welcome-home hand Thursday and met the players at the station with a fleet of autos. Following a short parade, the players were taken to the Lincoln Hotel for a baseball luncheon, at which dinner enthusiasm mounted to dizzy heights.

TRIBE NEWS AND NOTES.

Opposing big league clubs is a real job these days, but the Indians believe they are capable of holding their own and, though they are not defeat, will dim the enthusiasm of the A. A. opening next Wednesday. The reason that big league exhibition games are a task now is because the Indians, in this form, are striving to show at their best pace. The exhibition games are necessary, however, because of the good press they afford and, above all, because they give Indianapolis fans an opportunity of seeing many of the famous major players in action.

Members of the Indians scattered quickly Tuesday, following the baseball luncheon in order to get located for their long stay in the "No Mean" city.

It was plainly seen that Hank Schlesinger was not a stranger in Indianapolis. The baseball boasting delegation was not the only party to greet Hank at the station.

A few of the Indians found time to take a short tour of Washington Park Saturday afternoon. The entire squad was called out for practice this morning and sent through fielding and batting drills by Manager Hendrickson.

Demand for opening day tickets is heavy, but Washington Park is a big place and Secretary Clauer says there are plenty of choice seats available. If the weather is clear and warm Sunday, the park is expected to be thronged.

Don't overlook the fact that Ty Cobb, Eddie Lush and other Detroit stars will be here for play Saturday and Sunday. If the weather is clear and warm Sunday, the park is expected to be thronged.

Owner Smith says he would not trade the Washington Park playing field for Dixie's entire stock. Groundkeeper Dave Johnson has the diamond manicured in big league style.

"Come to the ball game, where you ought to me," is the booster tag being distributed by the opening day committee. It is not a tag that is bound to get lost. It will be hung on office doors next Wednesday.

Mayor Jewett has invited Mayor Thomas of Columbus, Ohio, to come to Indianapolis next Wednesday to see the Indians mau the Senators.

The Indianapolis boosters believe they have a fine chance of capturing the American Association trophy for the highest opening day attendance. "Give us the weather and we'll do the rest," they say.

All kinds of cups are being offered for opening day contests, thus proving that we still some use for cups.

The American Association umpires are to confer next Tuesday to tune up on the rules. Here's hoping that Indianapolis draws a pair with good eyes.

Manager Greeley of Loew's State Theatre today extended an invitation to both the Indianapolis and Cincinnati players, to come to tonight's performance there as guests of the house. It will be a box party again.

Ray Fisher, Cincinnati National League pitcher, may leave the team to accept a position as baseball coach at the University of Michigan. He would take the place of Merrill Pratt, formerly of the New York Americans, who has left the team to join the Boston Red Sox. Fisher received a telegram from the athletic director at Ann Arbor asking him to come for a conference in regard to terms. Manager has given the pitcher permission to leave the team in Indianapolis tonight to go to Michigan to look over the ground.

St. Louis Fans Back Clubs That May Do Some Funny Things

Cards and Browns Both Seem to Rate Dark Horse Classification.

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—A pair of dark horses and an outside chance to grab one of the pennants. This is the baseball situation in St. Louis, where the fans are so used to disappointments that they have long since ceased to make predictions.

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SLUGGING YANKS LOOK GOOD

BY FRANK O'NEIL, New York Sun Sports Editor.

NEW YORK, April 6.—With the mightiest of all teams of sluggers who have a wallop in every bat, the New York Yankees will threaten every pitcher in every inning this season.

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the Yanks in every position, though he has not been able to make predictions.

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Fail to Hit Strike and Take Defeat in Opening Match.

MONTRÉAL STILL HAS CHANCE

Montreal, April 6.—Montreal's hope of securing the Dempsey-Carpenter fight is still alive, according to Promoter C. F. Graham.

Tex Rickard, New York promoter, is to have his final word on Thursday, Graham said today.

It was rumored that Rickard would be here today or tomorrow to look over the ground.

BOGASH DELIVERS.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Lou Bogash of Bridgeport, Conn., knocked out Jimmy O'Dwyer of the 13th in the thirteenth round of the fifteen-round bout here last night. Bogash weighed 151 pounds and O'Dwyer 150.

Bogash, a powerful reserves, with Pipp playing first base, he has Bob Meusel, a bang-up substitute, or he can play either shortstop or third. The Indians and W. T. Holliday of Indianapolis and Thomas White and R. Holden of Cleveland.

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