

## NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

## PURCELL, STAR OF CENTRAL, IS NEW INDIAN

Tribe Purchases Young Hard-hitting Outfielder From Ionia (Mich.) Club.

BATTING AVERAGE OF .380

Jack Hendricks' Indians stepped out into the little-known leagues today to purchase a young outfielder so much promise that the veteran talent lined up for the Tribe's garden is assured of being given plenty of competition when spring training begins.

The young man bought is Harry Purcell, star of the Ionia (Mich.) Central League team and a son of highly recommended and

talented star in all departments of the game.

Purcell finished the 1921 season with a hitting average of .380, which is better than any other player posted in that circuit. He is a left-handed man of great speed and a good man on the bases. His fielding average was .955, only eight errors being chalked against the twenty-two-year-old star.

He is an alert outfielder, as indicated by the fact that he had 200 put-outs and twenty-five assists. The number of assists is exceeded, however, for only one other outfielder in that league had more asists than Purcell.

It is a sample of Purcell's slugging ability that some of the figures on his 1921 record are given. His record shows among other things that he drove in 72 runs during the time he was posted with 276 hits. His hitting record follows: Games, 116; at bat, 462; runs scored, 74; hits, 176; total bases, 250; two-base hits, 22; three-base hits, 17; home runs, 6; sacrifice hits, 10; sacrifice bases, 25; runs batted in, 72; batting average, .380.

Purcell was purchased at the request of Manager Jack Hendricks, who was then in charge of the Central League.

Manager of the Central League and other friends who had the opportunity of witnessing games in that circuit last season, say that Purcell is in every likelihood of becoming a star, his record indicating as much, at any rate.

The addition of Purcell gives the Tribe's roster a giving the local team a formidable addition, but, as Roger Brown, Spencer, Morrison and Purcell are the way the roster reads.

## COLLEGE AND H. S. NET GOSSIP

An Indianapolis high school won an important basket-ball game Saturday night when Tech defeated Manual of Louisville at Wilkinson Hall by a score of 10-10. The Tech team took the lead to be the champion of Kentucky. Tech showed good stuff on the big floor. Greenburg was the main cause of victory.

Indiana started the Big Ten race Saturday with an auspicious 21 to 18 win over Northwestern. Those who are inclined to do so, will be able to see the game of the Crimson in this game must remember that Indiana and Purdue have to break things gently to the teams outside of Indiana at first.

Shortridge came close in her game against New Bethel Saturday.

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The surprising strength shown by Minnesota is the talk of the Big Ten basket-ball headlines. Before the start of the season it was thought that the Gophers would be far behind the other teams in ability, after seeing the previous year's team broken by graduation. But gloomy forebodings have turned to hopeful expectancy at the northern school since two conference victories have been chalked up against Northwestern and Iowa.

Pat Page made Butler fans feel a little uneasy Friday night when he sent in three offensive plays and back guards to the line-up against Earhart. The fox mentor sure had the right idea for on the small floor these three men made

it to 36 in favor of the Suckers.

Four Big Ten Conference basket-ball teams will be seen in action tonight, when Northwestern meets Purdue at LaSalle and Michigan plays Illinois at Urbana.

Purdue, although it has not played a Conference game this season, is the favorite over Northwestern, which has suffered three losses to date and is yet to win a victory.

The 1922 Butler schedule follows:

Sept. 23—Franklin at Butler.

Oct. 7—Chicago "Y" Club at Butler.

Oct. 14—Butler vs. Illinois at Urbana.

Oct. 21—Michigan at Butler.

Nov. 4—Rose Poly at Butler.

Nov. 18—Notre Dame at Butler.

Nov. 25—Game in South to be arranged later.

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FRANK BAKER WEDS.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—John Franklin (Home Run) Baker, major league baseball star, took out a marriage license

at Baltimore Saturday morning. Miss Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Mitchell of Baltimore. The ceremony was to be performed today, with only members of the two families present.

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Landis Gets on Trail of Rawlings and Meusel

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FRISCH UNDER CONTRACT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Frank Frisch, New York Giant infielder, is to be married to Miss Ada Lucy of the Bronx, it became known today. The wedding will take place next winter.

TECH ALUMNI FORFEIT.

The deciding game of the city high school alumni championship basket-ball series, which was scheduled to be played between Shortridge and Tech alumni at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, was forfeited to the lack of material to assure an even contest. As a result, Tech has forfeited the game and Shortridge has been declared winner of the series and the city high school alumni title.

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—Benjamin F. Shibley, president of the Philadelphia American League baseball club, died Saturday. Mr. Shibley, who was in his 33rd year, had been ill for about two years.

Mr. Shibley's financial assistance made it possible for the American League to establish a club in Philadelphia when it invaded National League territory.

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