

# STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

# THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

# THREE CLUBS ARE GIVEN CHANCE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE

## New Pitcher



Phil Morrison

Pirates, Giants and Cards Stand Out as Class of Older Circuit.

By Billy Evans

Three clubs, Pittsburgh, New York and St. Louis, stand out as the class of the National League. One of these three teams should win the pennant in that organization.

The other five clubs in the National League are not weaklings by any means. On the whole, the strength is pretty well distributed, which makes me think the race in the senior league will be a spirited one.

Pittsburgh is a great ball team. That was demonstrated in the world series. At third and shortstop two of the most brilliant players in the game, Traynor and Wright, make that section of the Pirate infield very strong.

While the other side of the infield, first and second, is not so strongly fortified, it is still very capable. There is more of a question about second than first.

Respect Giants

Every National League manager has a wholesome respect for New York, managed by John McGraw. The Giants failed to go over last season after being picked to win a ninth straight pennant. It is doubtful if any major league club ever encountered more hard luck from beginning to the end of the season.

Added to a long list of injuries and illness, New York's pitching last year was just fair. This year it is certain to be much improved. That should help.

It is just possible that Rogers Hornsby and his St. Louis Cardinals will upset the National League dope. The Cardinals have much power and great spirit.

If the Cardinals get good pitching they will be a strong factor in the race. The pitching is a big question.

Braves Well Balanced

The Boston Braves should win a lot of ball games this summer and throw any number of jolts into the hopes of the various pennant contenders. It is a well balanced ball club, having no big stars except Manager Bancroft at short, but it gets smart baseball and when it gets good pitching must be feared.

The unsettled condition of the Brooklyn infield may keep that team from being as high in the race as its pitching and batting would.

WRESTLING GO TONIGHT

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Ackerman speaks as follows about this wonderland:

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Now, we wonder if there are any Indianapolis fisherman who have tried these spots, or any who have planned such a trip this summer? Let us hear from you. We'll just check up on Mr. Ackerman.

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Beware, Injuns! The Kansas City Blues downed the Chicago Cubs, Thursday, 6 to 2.

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Will those New York Yankees ever stop crashing that pill? Fifteen hits Thursday against Brooklyn—score, 14 to 4.

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It is too bad about those old men on the Washington club. They beat the New York Giants Thursday, 7 to 0. Grandpa Ruether and the mere child, Marberry, allowed four hits while the semie sluggers blasted out fourteen blows.

RAHN IS VICTOR

By Times Special

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 9.—Ray Hahn of Indianapolis had the edge on Don Boyer of Toledo here Thursday night in a twelve round bout. It was a fast and furious scrap. George Harris of Niles, Ohio, won by technical knockout over Ripper Wilson, Indianapolis.

ROBINS BUY FEWSTER

By United Press

RICHMOND, Va., April 9.—Brooklyn, having lost nine straight games to the New York Yankees, has bought infield reinforcements in the person of "Chick" Fewster of Kansas City, second baseman. Fewster has been a hold-out at Kansas City.

WHITE SOX RAINED OUT

By United Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 9.—Bad weather Thursday kept the Chicago White Sox and the Evans from playing their game. Indications today pointed to no game.

RIPPLE AT NOBLESVILLE

Broad Ripple High School baseball team was scheduled to open the season this afternoon at Noblesville. Ripple has had only three days' practice and most of the players were to get a chance in the game.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., April 9.—Northern Indiana high schools will meet in South Bend Monday afternoon for the purpose of forming an athletic conference of leading schools.

## Izaak Probably Turned Over

By United Press  
CHICAGO, April 9.—After the stormiest meeting ever experienced by the Izaak Walton League of America, Will H. Dilg, president, and the man who founded the organization, has been deposed as temporary and permanent chairman of the fourth annual convention.

Charges of gross mismanagement of the organization and of attempts to "rule the league" were back of the organized move to depose Dilg.

A heated argument came up over Dilg's traveling expense account. Dilg maintained that the president's large expense account was made necessary because of numerous trips to Washington in the interest of legislation backed by the league.

The body took matters into its own hands and amended the by-laws so that it was possible to appoint Dr. Henry Baldwin Ward, professor of zoology at the University of Illinois, as temporary vice president. Clark Venable, Chicago, was later voted permanent chairman of the convention.

The meeting will close Saturday with the election of officers. Dilg is a candidate for re-election, but his defeat in the first session is regarded as almost a death blow for him. The meeting will close Saturday with the election of officers. Dilg is a candidate for re-election, but his defeat in the first session is regarded as almost a death blow for him.

Three Exhibition Games Scheduled Before Season Opener at Kansas City Tuesday—Schemanske in Hospital.

## TRIBE TO FINISH SPRING TRAINING IN OKLAHOMA

By Eddie Ash  
Times Sports Editor

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 9.—After fifteen hours aboard a Rockie Island "rattler" the Indian pastimes of Indianapolis reached Oklahoma City early this morning and hustled to the Skirvin Hotel, where Hoosier baseball headquarters will be established for three days. Ownie Bush's athletes took their final practice in Hot Springs Thursday and departed from the Arkansas training camp about mid-afternoon.

The Bushmen were to tangle with the Oklahoma City team of the Western League this afternoon in the first battle of a three-game exhibition series. Bill Burwell and Carl Ray were slated for Tribe mound pitchers, follow:

	AB.	H.	AV.
Holke	12	10	.500
Klugman	12	6	.500
Stephenson	18	8	.444
Russell	24	9	.375
Florence	23	10	.357
Rehg	3	1	.333
Matthews	16	5	.313
Wray	15	5	.333
Home Runs—Russell, Klugman, Stephenson, Schreiber, Thompson, hits—Stephenson, 3; Russell, 2; base hits—Sickling, 2; Holke, 2; Stephenson, 1; Russell, 1; Schreiber, 1; Florence, 1; Stolen Bases—Stephenson, Schreiber, Thompson, 1; Club batting average .379 (exclusive of pitchers).			

Owing to the fact Eddie Ainsmith is still in poor condition to get in and work behind the plate, Manager Bush brought along Catcher Stedman, the Chicago semi-pro, to help warm up pitchers and to be ready to relieve Florence. It is likely Stedman will be retained with the Indians through the opening series at Kansas City and maybe for the Milwaukee series also.

Catching Situation

The catching situation is Manager Bush's heaviest worry as the league opening with the Blues approaches. Ainsmith is able to work behind the plate but he is unable to throw beyond the pitcher. He says he needs about one more week before trying to throw to bases.

Outfielders Matthews and Russell were on the sick list Thursday and did not participate in the Indians closing drill at Hot Springs. They are under the weather with severe colds.

Games will be staged in Oklahoma City today, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday night the Hoosiers will depart for Kansas City, work out in its southern trip without Pete Hall, star shortstop, who is in the K. C. park Monday, and then tangle with the Blues, Tuesday, in the American Association lid lifter.

Tribe Hits Ball

In six exhibition games, played in Hot Springs and Little Rock, two with Little Rock, one among themselves, and three with the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Indians displayed a powerful batting attack. Walter Holke, who played in five of the six conflicts, topped the sluggers with

15 home runs—Russell, Klugman, Stephenson, Schreiber, Thompson, 3; Russell, 2; base hits—Sickling, 2; Holke, 2; Stephenson, 1; Russell, 1; Schreiber, 1; Florence, 1; Stolen Bases—Stephenson, Schreiber, Thompson, 1; Club batting average .379 (exclusive of pitchers).

Just before the Indians left Hot Springs, Thursday afternoon, Pitcher Buck Schemanske was taken ill and was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital. Physicians were debating whether or not to operate when the Tribesmen departed. Acute indigestion was given as the cause of Schemanske's illness.

## GLOOM AT INDIANA U.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 9.—Thick gloom is in the Indiana U. baseball camp. The squad returned from its southern trip without Pete Hall, star shortstop, who is in a Nashville (Tenn.) hospital with a badly sprained leg which may keep him out of the game for a month at least. He was injured in a Vanderbilt game.

Hall was regarded as one of the best infielders in the Big Ten and a heavy hitter.

Six track men, Stephenson, Pepper, Pope, White, Little and Caine, left for the Georgia Tech relays, Thursday, in charge of Coach Hayes.

## Every Night Is Record Night

By United Press  
CHICAGO, April 9.—Another women's world record has fallen, one American mark for sixty-foot pools has been lowered and the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A. swimming team has clinched the team title in the national A. A. U. swim meet here.

Miss Agnes Gerard of New York, broke her own world record for the 100-yard breast stroke by covering the distance in 1:22.4.

The other record fell when Walter Laufer, Cincinnati, the individual star of the meet, won the medley in 3:45.4, a new American record for sixty-foot pools. The medley consisted of 100-yard, breast stroke, back stroke and free style.

Al White of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, won the fencing contest.

## H. S. ACTIVITY

Two Track Meets Here on Saturday.

These are busy days for the athletes in local high schools. Track and baseball squads are working out daily, in spite of adverse weather conditions.

Conch Black of Tech is having holding trials to pick his team. The finals of the dash tests will be held Tuesday. Drama seems the best of the Tech sprinters.

The first meets of the season are scheduled for Saturday when Manual tangles with Connerville and Greenwood at Willard Park and Shortridge takes on the three Terre Haute schools; Wiley, Garfield and Gerstner, at the fairground track.

Manual will meet Elwood at Willard Park on April 30. The meet, which was to have been held today, was postponed until the later date.

Negotiations are under way with Greencastle to make the April 30 meet a triangular affair.

The date of the Manual-Shortridge baseball game finally has been set and will be played May 21 at Riverside Park.

## MANDELL-BROWN

By United Press  
EAST CHICAGO, Ind., April 9.—Sammy Mandell, pride of Rockford, Ill., and Harry ("Kid") Brown of Philadelphia, both persistent challengers for the title now held by Rocky Kansas, meet here tonight in a ten-round bout.

## BOWLING STARS IN TOURNEY

Jimmy Blouin, Marino and Devito in Elks' Meet Over Week-End.

Many prominent bowlers will be over Saturday and Sunday in the Elks' national tourney, including Jimmy Blouin, world's champion match bowler, and the Italian duo of Marino and Devito, recognized as one of the best tourney combinations in the game. All are from Chicago.

Other stars to show their stuff at the local Elks' alleys are Martin Schmidt of Louisville, Poleck, Schueman, Crouse, Howley and Bruck of Chicago; Franz and Lenzen of Cleveland.

Louis Franz is former world's champion. He is a veteran of the sport who lost his title to Jimmy Smith some twenty years ago.

Harry Schneidemann of Indianapolis took the lead in the singles on Thursday with a score of 664. He took the top position away from M. Wiss of Columbus, who has held the leadership almost since the start of the meet. Schneidemann's total of 1,774 put him in fourth place in the all-events.

The best count in the doubles was 1,151 made by Sanders-Priller of Dayton. The score puts the pair up in the first ten.

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