

STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

A WAIL OF WOE

THERE is no use running away from the facts. Indianapolis is not what is termed a good sport town. If the Indianapolis baseball club decides to invest some \$250,000 in a new park next year it is taking no little risk.

Last season the Indians made money by selling players and not by admissions at the turnstiles. Many believe that a new park will increase the attendance. There is no doubt, but there is a new playing grounds is needed.

But we just wonder how many of those who are crying for a new ballpark, away from the smoke and dirt of the railroad, would be willing to risk their money in such a venture?

Any number of these same folks probably will kick like steers because their passes won't be good on Saturdays and Sundays this season. A ball club has not yet been organized. Few fans realize the heavy expense of operating a class AA team.

"10, 20, 30 Town"

It is no boast for this metropolis to be classed as a "10, 20, 30 town" by the sporting fraternity, but one must admit there is some truth in the assertion.

It is not only baseball that does not receive the support it deserves. Local boxing promoters have been handicapped in trying to bring top-notch attractions here, owing to poor attendance and small gate receipts.

A local promoter endeavored to sign Doc Snell, Pacific Coast featherweight title contender, but received this reply: "I received \$3,000 for Cleveland appearance. What can you offer?"

Such purses are out of the question here. Good fighters demand good money.

\$5.50 Top

At a recent boxing show in Terre Haute between Bud Taylor and Abe Goldstein the top price was \$5.50, and the show drew a capacity house. What moans and groans would be heard here if such an admission were charged.

Even football doesn't seem to go over like it should. Butler attendance fell off last year. Of course, bad weather had something to do with it. But a city with a population of approximately 370,000 should turn out more spectators than it does to sports events. Just what is the matter?

We do not blame those who are not interested in athletics. That's their business. But we have the right to wonder why the percentage of fans is lower here than in so many other cities.

The opening games in the American Association on Tuesday follow:

Indianapolis at Kansas City.
Toledo at St. Paul.
Columbus at Minneapolis.
Louisville at Milwaukee.
National League opens:
Boston at Philadelphia.
Brooklyn at New York.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
American League:
St. Louis at Chicago.
Cleveland at Detroit.
Philadelphia at Washington.
New York at Boston.

Along with the A. A. and both major leagues, the Southern Association also will open on Tuesday. The International Western League and Texas loop open on Wednesday. The Eastern League starts on April 21. The Three-I gets away on April 23.

MANY new faces will be seen in the American Association this year, and some veteran players will be seen with new outfits. The strangest looking outfit will be St. Paul. The infield is entirely new with Stuvengen at first, McMillen at second, Waininger at short and Vera at third. Odom may play the hot corner. He was a utility player last year and participated in a number of games at third.

Griffin is the only vet left on the Brewer infield. Schulte is at second, Flippen at short and Simon at third. The same is true of the Millers who have Ford at second, McAuley at short and Tierney at third. Jourdan, a veteran, is at first. Bud Connolly at third is a newcomer at Toledo. The champion Colonels will look different with Pittinger at short and Shanks at third base. Ballenger, former Colonel, will cavort at third for Columbus this season.

Smith at second and Philbin at third are strangers in the Kansas City line-up. Daniel Boone, who played for many years at St. Paul, will break into the line-up as soon as he is ready. He was late in reporting and may not be ready at the start.

Our old friend Ernie Krueger, whom the Indians sold to Cincinnati, will be back of the bat for the Millers.

TRAIN AT PRINCETON

PRINCETON, N. J., April 12.—Washington University rowing officials have accepted an invitation to train their crew here for the Touchkeipie intercollegiate championship regatta.

GIANTS VICTORS

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Hugh McQuillan led the Washington Senators down with five hits and shut them out, 5 to 0. The Giants won the series, five games to four.

RALPH DE PALMA ENTERS TWO CARS IN SPEEDWAY RACE, MAY 31

INDIANS AT KANSAS CITY FOR ASSOCIATION OPENING

Burwell or Hill Slated to Pitch First Game—Team in Fair Shape for Start.

By Eddie Ash

Times Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—Owne Bush's Indians are on the scene. They arrived in Kansas City this morning to await the opening day struggle with Spencer Abbott's Blues Tuesday afternoon at Muehlebach Field, 3 o'clock. The American Association lid-lifter here has aroused keen interest among Kansas City baseball fans and a capacity crowd is expected to be on hand if favorable weather prevails.

Kansas City booster organizations aim to make a determined effort to win the Thomas J. Hickey cup that goes to the city showing high opening day attendance. Furthermore, the Blues have a new pilot this season, Spencer Abbott, and he already has won the admiration of diamond followers here. He's a scrappy manager, and predicts the Blues will surprise the league throughout the 1926 campaign.

The Indians, rainbowed in Oklahoma City for three days, are not on edge, owing to inability to obtain proper practice recently, but they are a confident crew and refuse to

fear the Blues. The Tribesmen are stopping at the Coates House in Kansas City.

Probably Burwell

Bill Burwell probably will pitch for Indianapolis Tuesday and Jimmy Zinn for Kansas City. These stars faced each other one year ago in the opener at Indianapolis, and Zinn won, 6 to 2.

Carmen Hill is Manager Bush's next choice to take the mound against Zinn if Burwell lacks form before the important battle. The catchers will be Florence for the Indians and probably Wells for the Blues.

A good guess on batting orders for the season's first struggle follows:

INDIANS: Sliding, 2b. Russell, 2b. Stephens, 1b. Holke, 1b. Brown, 1b. Schreiber, 3b. Florence, c. Burwell or Zinn, p.

OUTFIELD: W. Matthews has not recovered entirely from a recent attack of flu and is not likely to play Tuesday if the weather is damp or cold. In that case the Tribe line-up will change. Yoter, third base, will lead off, and Joe Wast will play center field and bat after Holke.

Tribe pitchers and catchers took a short workout in Oklahoma City Sunday afternoon on a vacant lot back of the Skirvin Hotel by the side of a warehouse. Other Tribe players remained idle.

Lack Practice

The Indians have not had a batting or fielding drill since Thursday, when they left Hot Springs. They planned to practice at Muehlebach field here some time today in an effort to erase kinks before tangling with the Blues Tuesday. Game competition has been minus on the Indians' spring training trip this year, only six contests, including one among themselves, having been played.

It's a long, long road, this American Association race—168 games. Fans in four cities are burning up with pennant fever, in Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Louisville and Kansas City. Owne Bush, energetic and peppy pilot of the Indians, is modest about predictions, but says he will be fooled badly if his club finishes below third.

The New York Giants and Cleveland Americans have failed to deliver pitchers promised Indianapolis, and this fact has caused Bush some anxiety. He feels certain, however, that he will obtain the hurlers later. The Hoosiers got a bad break when Catcher Almsmith was injured, and suffered another jolt when Pitcher Schemanske was taken ill.

Owner Smith is inclined to the belief he has a flag winner this year and a squad that will stand up more than one season. And this has caused the Tribe president to start thinking again of a new ballpark at Indianapolis. He hopes to have a new plant by 1927, he says.

New Park Plans

George J. Marott, Indianapolis business man, has made the ball club an attractive offer of a tract of land of seven and one-half acres in the northwestern part of the city. This is the site of a new ballpark, and the Indians are expected to accept the offer.

The Eastern Club will hold a meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at Art's garage, 2432 Southwestern. All of last year's players and those wishing to return are requested to attend. Oliver, Art, Casey, Peter, Daley, Ellis, Foy, L. Wilson and Ray take note. The club will play fast State games. Call Fred 4074 or write Salem Motor Service Sales Company, 2432 Southwestern Ave. for games.

The Luster A. C. will meet tonight at the clubhouse, Greely and Market sts., at 7:30. The following players are asked to be there: Schutte, Brothers, Rose, Leary, Cherry, Brothers, Berry, Gary, Robertson, Leslie, Henderson and Bova. Those wishing to return are invited.

College Baseball

(Saturday Games)
Rose Poly. 7; Indiana Central, 5.
Purdue, 6; Greenwood, 3.
Ohio State, 7; Butler, 2.
Pennsylvania, 4; Army, 2.
Boston University, 8; Harvard, 6.
New York University, 8; Columbia, 2.
Yale, 12; Wesleyan, 5.
Georgetown, 6; Cornell, 5.
Georgia, 2; Illinois, 10.
Fordham, 14; Navy, 12.
Michigan, 13; Kentucky State, 8.

RAIN AT K. C.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—The Chicago Cubs are bound for Cincinnati and the opening games of the season Tuesday, after watching rain force the cancellation of their last training game, scheduled to have been played here Sunday.

TOLEDO LOSES

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 12.—The Chicago White Sox won from the Toledo team of the American Association, 6 to 1, in their last game of the training trip and were to leave here this afternoon for Chicago.

CATHEDRAL BASEBALL

Cathedral High School baseball team will open its season Wednesday at Southport. The first home game will be played on Friday at Riverside Park with Beech Grove as the opponent.

H. S. TRACK RESULTS

(Saturday Meets)
Manual, 83; Connersville, 36.
Purdue, 68; Greenwood, 31.
Shortridge, 46; Wiley (Terre Haute), 14; Garfield (Terre Haute), 9; Gert Meyer (Terre Haute), 42.
Shelbyville, 56; 1/2; Rushville, 42 1/2.
Tremel, 61; 50; Michigan City, 49.
Princeton, 51; Petersburg, 48.

Tribe Bosses Think Well of Team



Left to right: W. C. Smith Jr., vice president; Owne Bush, manager; W. C. Smith Sr., president and owner; Hayward Smith, road secretary.

Here are Tribe bosses snapped in the Southland. They are all fairly well pleased over the prospects this season and believe the Indians will be in the pennant fight from the start.

Owner Smith is thinking seriously of investing a big sum in a new baseball park for 1927 if the Indianapolis club is up in the running this year and the fans support the team.

OPEN RACES PREDICTED IN BOTH MAJOR LEAGUES

Pirates and Giants in National—Washington, Philadelphia and New York in American Are Favorites.

By Henry L. Farrell.

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, April 12.—"Take your choice and get the best price you can," New York betting commission advisers told those who want to speculate on the results of the major league pennant race starting Tuesday.

With four teams standing as actual contenders in each of the two big leagues, sentiment is so evenly divided that very little big betting has been reported in the financial district.

The champion Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Giants are the ranking favorites in the National League, and they are almost even money either way.

With Champions

In addition to partisan supporters and many smart baseball critics the Pirates will have the backing of the casual fans who like to string along with a champion, but the Giants will have a lot of support from those who have seen the pitchers John McGraw has developed.

The American League presents a first-class guessing contest, with the champion Washington Senators, the youthful Philadelphia Athletics and the revived New York Yankees figuring most prominently.

The St. Louis Browns and even the Chicago White Sox are also attracting attention, and only the Cleveland Indians and the Boston Red Sox are figured as being out of the reckoning entirely.

Senators Favored

Some opinion rates the Senators as being too young and the Yankees as being too green, but the Senators are favored because of their experience, their balance and their speed direction.

The Giants are in first class condition. The special train which will carry baseball fans of this city to the opening game between the Indians and Blues at Kansas City on Tuesday, was to leave the Union Station over the Big Four at 2:45 this afternoon.

The train is scheduled to arrive at Kansas City on Tuesday at 7:05 a. m. over the Missouri Pacific route. The Hoosier boosters will be met by the K. C. police band and will march to the Elks Club, headquarters of the local fans during the stay in Kawtown.

Mayor John L. Duval of Indianapolis will head the delegation with a number of other city officials and prominent citizens, who are baseball fans.

The special will leave Kansas City at 9:30 p. m. Tuesday and reach Indianapolis at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

T. B. Sampson, traveling passenger agent of the Big Four railroad, is in charge of the special.

Word from Kansas City is that there will be no special features for the opening except the line-up of players from both clubs and the annual march to the flagpole. There will be no opening day parade and very little ceremony at the park.

Much now depends upon the weather. Kansas City is a good ball town and capacity of Muehlebach field is 17,500 fans. All the seats are likely to be filled if the weather man only will smile.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Fair weather in the East will mark the opening of the baseball season tomorrow, according to the weather bureau forecasts.

Cool weather prevalent today will yield to rising temperatures, the bureau said, making its predictions for Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New England and District of Columbia.

Many Thanks, Weatherman

CHICAGO, April 12.—Fair weather will mark the opening of the 1926 baseball season in the Middle West, the United States weather bureau here forecast today.

Temperatures tonight will be slightly above freezing, but by Tuesday the temperatures will be moderated to a baseball tone, the weather bureau officials said.

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CHESS RESULTS

The second handicap chess tournament just closed at the Y. M. C. A. was the largest ever held in Indiana. The following is the final standing of those in the main tournament:

First—Warwick H. Ripley, played 44.
Second—James Hughes, Class B, played 33.
Third—Henry B. Krug, Class A, played 24.
Fourth—A. Rosenthal, Class B, played 24.
Fifth—W. F. Welland, Class B, played 23.
Sixth—10.

CLASS WINNERS
Class A—Charles H. Moore, first; Henry B. Krug, second.
Class B—James Hughes.
Class C—H. H. Hagan.
Class D—H. H. Hagan.
Class E—H. H. Hagan.
Class F—H. H. Hagan.

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YANKEES SLUG
NEW YORK, April 12.—Three doubles by Babe Ruth and homers by Nick Cullip and Tony Lazzeri helped the New York Yankees down the Brooklyn Robins the twelfth straight time, 14 to 7.

COLLEGE TRACK MEETS
(Saturday)
Earham, 106; Hanover, 20.
The Park, 114; Gentry Normal, 11.
Rose Poly, 90; Oakland City, 38.

Veteran Italian Back Again for Thrills of 500-Mile Speed Classic.

Race drivers may come and race drivers may go, but Ralph De Palma seems willing to go on forever. He started racing in 1907 against Barney Oldfield and other stars of that day. He is going as strong as ever in his twentieth year of racing.

He comes to the Indianapolis 500-mile race this year, according to announcement from the Speedway of free, with two cars, as yet unnamed. Last year, it will be recalled, he drove a Miller Special of his own into seventh place, at an average of 66.85 miles an hour.

Long Career

During his long career as a driver De Palma has been at the wheel of many cars. In 1912, while driving a Mercedes, he broke down at the head of the stretch on his last lap, after leading the race by twenty miles. He pushed his car across the tape, but was disqualified because it did not finish under its own power. He got his reward in 1915 by winning in a Mercedes. In other races he has finished as high as fourth.

De Palma practically has quit board track racing, as he says that nothing except speed counts. Instead he has devoted himself almost wholly to dirt track racing and to participation in the 500-mile race at Indianapolis.

Skill Needed

He gets a great deal of satisfaction out of racing on the local brick course, because of the constant challenge to his driving skill. To misjudge corners at Indianapolis is an invitation to disaster. Driving the Indianapolis track is more than a mere putting down of the driver's foot at the red starting flag and holding it there until the checkered ensign announces that the race is over. Between the two flags there is a challenge to driving skill, car stamina and speed every minute.

That is why De Palma enters two cars, as yet unnamed, in the first race in America ever to be run with 914 cubic inch motors. Other entries thus far announced are Harlan Flegler, Dave Lewis and Albert Schmidt with three foreign-built Schmidt Specials and a Hamilton Front Drive Special, being built at Chevrolet Brothers' shop in Indianapolis for the Hamilton Motor Company of Chicago.

SIMON PURES Amateur Boxing Card Ready for Monday.

With Charles Sconce, crack middleweight of the Fairbanks-Morse A. C., meeting Alvin Howard of the South Side Turners, and with five of this city's toughest amateur nut-slingers paired off with a quintet of battlers from Bud Taylor's Gym at Terre Haute, Matchmaker Arthur Patz seems on the way to arranging the best amateur boxing card in many a moon to be presented at the Turner gymnasium Wednesday night.

The following eight scraps are announced:
Charles Sconce, Fairbanks-Morse A. C., vs. Alvin Howard, Turners; 160 pounds.
Charles Nasser, Big Taylor gym, Terre Haute, vs. Mike Wicks, Turners, 108 pounds.
Harold Holla, Turners, vs. Ross Wilson, Bud Taylor gym, Terre Haute, 126 pounds.
Edna Clark, Fairbanks-Morse A. C., vs. Phil Walters, Bud Taylor gym, Terre Haute, 126 pounds.
Casey Jones, Fairbanks-Morse A. C., vs. Young Galt, Wiggins, 108 pounds.
Francis Clark, Fairbanks-Morse A. C., vs. Harry 108, Bud Taylor gym, Terre Haute, 108 pounds.
Joe Corsaro, Turners, vs. Veldon Dickerson, Arcade gym, 108 pounds.
Geoff Hurt, Turners, vs. Bud De Haven, Big Taylor gym, 135 pounds.

Four or more additional sets will be arranged, and it is promised they will be up to the standard set by the above.

Ringside seats at popular prices went on sale today at Em-Ross, the Arcade Gym and the Turner Gym.

Feminine educators have taken up the course game as a means of relaxation from books. The latest to tee off are Misses Zola Beasley and Ruth Lewman of the Shortridge faculty.

Holes one and two are under water at the Coffin course and Stark had his players making a second trip over fairways three and eight, thus getting in a full eighteen holes. A few days of sunshine and the regular course will be entirely in shape. The other sixteen holes are in fine condition, now.

Chick Nelson had a great turnout at the Riverside course Saturday and was a disappointed man when rain came Sunday. Among the players were E. R. Early, president of the club; A. C. Metcalfe, who has persuaded many to take up the game; W. D. Pickens, attorney, and James Edwards, real estate man, and old-timers, who were out in their pants of the way Chick has things going.

GUN CLUB RESULTS
Burford and Wendling tied for first honors in the singles event of the weekly trapshoot of the Indianapolis Gun Club shoot, Saturday, with 97 each out of 100 targets. Wiggam and Collins got 24 each out of 25 in the handicap. Wiggam was high in the doubles with 21 out of 12 pair. Wiggam was high gun over all, with 137 out of 140 targets. The club will hold an all-day shoot on Wednesday, starting at 9:30 a. m.

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