

**STIRRIN'**  
the DOPE  
By VEDDER GARD

# CARMEN HILL SOLD TO PIRATES FOR \$40,000 AND 2 PLAYERS

## FINALS REACHED IN MEET

Tribe's Mainstay Pitcher Gets Third Major Trial—Departs at Once.

By Eddie Ash

In this dry country even the baseball pitchers in the majors and most other leagues are not permitted to use saliva on the ball. Only a few of the rare variety known as the spit-ball hurler are extant. Because they were in the "big show" when the ruling went into effect they are allowed to go on with their manipulations and excretions.

On Tuesday three of the veterans of this almost lost art showed some of the younger generation just what could be done with a bit of dampness judiciously applied to a baseball.

In the most important game of the trio of victories, Allan Sotheron of the Cards allowed the pitiful Pirates just three hits and won, 2 to 1. It placed St. Louis in the National League's.

In the play, "The Old Soak," Al was the bootlegger. Al can not be put in that class, exactly, in baseball, but he is peddling the stuff that is barred to most hurlers. Al is a wet pitcher.

"Red" Faber of Chicago just breezed under the wire a winner against Detroit, 19 to 2. The veteran did not have to worry after the seventh inning when his mates went on a hitting spree. With a wet pitcher showing the way the whole team became in-toxicated with success.

Stan Coveleskie, aged Pole of the Washington twirling corps, pitched his nineteenth consecutive shutout inning in two games by beating Boston, 2 to 0. Last Thursday he blanked the White Sox in ten innings, 1 to 0 in a great duel with Ted Lyons. Covey has had an unsatisfactory season, but the old effectiveness has returned.

The fine work of Sotheron, Faber and Coveleskie on the last day of August in the year of 1925 is a fact to be remembered for future reference—to be stored away in the attic of the mind ready to be dragged forth in days to come with an introductory, "that reminds me."

It won't be long now until the spitter is a myth of the dim past—something to tell the children about when discussing olden times when the United States and baseball were officially wet.

WHICH team do you WANT to win it? Cincinnati is the closest city to Indianapolis. St. Louis never has had a pennant. Pittsburgh already holds the world's championship. Chicago is making a sensational climb.

Cincy Reds are fighting Red meadow darters. Pittsburgh Pirates are bold, bad buccaneers. Have the leader? St. Louis Cards hold a winning hand if they can play it. Their manager is an ace. However, aren't there a few deuces in the deck? Manager McCarthy has taken all the playfulness out of the Cards. They are full grown Bruins with well sharpened claws. But did they hibernate a bit too long?

Which of the four is the best stretch runner? Can the Cubs come up from behind? Who has the best jockey? Which has the most heart? They are into the final mad dash as the fans hold their breath. Which one are YOU pulling for? . . .

Percy Jones of Chicago for several weeks this season had a kind in his elbow. The Cincy Reds will vouch for the statement that Mr. Jones has recovered. . . .

That story about Dempsey and his losing battle with the New Jersey "Skeeters" was not written by a resident of that State. No, sir! They are rather sensitive about mosquitoes over there—even changed the name of the Newark baseball club which had been nicknamed the "Skeeters." . . .

Hank Gowdy probably gets quite a bit of satisfaction out of leading at the Columbus standing. At least, the Senators haven't done any better without him. They couldn't do any worse.

Polyanna probably would refer Columbus to the years of 1905, '06 and '07. The Senators won pennants then. . . .

Toledo, one of the best ball towns in the A. A. loop is the only city never to win a pennant.

Once upon a time the United States was lawfully wet. Now it is awfully wet. . . .

Indianapolis now has a race horse and a motor speed boat named after it. The city is becoming famous. . . .

Saturday is "Derby day" at the State fair. This calls for plenty of imagination. . . .

THE exception always proves the rule. So reasoned Manager Hornsby of St. Louis as he sent Sherdel, the little southpaw, against the Pirates in the first fray of the important double bill Tuesday.

Pittsburgh, according to all the dope, slaughters left-handers. In the world series of 1925 Dutch Rutherford of Washington sat on the bench because he tossed with his south wing.

By all signs and well-founded information the Pirates should have fallen upon "Wee Willie" and made fast ones out of his tantalizing slow ones. They should have driven him in distress to the clubhouse for an early shower. The exception always proves the rule.

Miss Dunn and Mrs. Jaqua Play for City Golf Title Thursday.

By Eddie Ash

Miss Elizabeth Dunn and Mrs. C. A. Jaqua will meet Thursday at Coffin course in the final match for the women's city golf championship. They advanced to the finals by decisive victories today.

Miss Dunn defeated Mrs. Buchanan, 5 and 4, and Mrs. Jaqua defeated Mrs. Wainwright, 6 and 5.

The lowest medal score of the meet so far was turned in by Miss Dunn, who went around in 85. Mrs. Jaqua took a 90.

There was competition in various consolation flights.

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### WITH PIRATES BEFORE

Hill is 31 years of age and has had previous major trials with New York and Pittsburgh. By going to the Pirates at this time, Carmen stands an excellent chance of getting some money out of the 1926 world's series. Pittsburgh is in a battle for the National League pennant and is a sure shot to get a division of the "spoils." The pennant winners in each big league and second, third and fourth teams are "cut in" on the championship money.

In announcing that the money obtained for Hill will be applied to building a new park, Vice President Smith said three sites are under consideration for a modern baseball plant for Indianapolis. Cincinnati papers have carried notes recently saying the Reds are going to buy the Indianapolis club, but Smith denies the rumors involving the Indians. He speaks of the Clincy directors as "bargain hunters."

### BUSH MAKES 'EM YOUNG

Manager Bush has proved a friend of the ball players since taking over the Tribesmen and Hill is the sixth veteran to be sent to the majors from the Indians since Bush took charge in 1924. Brown, Krueger, Petty, Stephenson and Schreiber were "re-graduated" under Bush. Maun was drafted and Hodapp, Fitzsimmons and Florence were youngsters sent up after being developed here.

Carmen Hill, sold today, will report to the Pirates in Cincinnati Thursday. He has slipped in effectiveness recently, but his record is spectacular nevertheless. Average runs against him total only about three per game.

Hill is one of the few league ball players wearing spectacles, and he goes to join the pitching staff that has Lee Meadows as a member. Meadows also is a "spec."

### (Twelve Innings)

St. Louis . . . . . 600 600 600—0 2 3  
Jonnard, Eddleman, McMenamy, Phipps, Hoffman.  
Kansas City . . . . . 102 200 400—1 10 9  
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