

Betzel's Indians Tangle With K. C. Blues

Tribe Has Chance to Go
Into First Place in
Series.

VISITORS HAVE POWER

Win Five and Lose One
Before Local Invasion.

BY EDDIE ASH
THE Blues are in town, the K. C. boys, some times called the Ktown brigade, and they are the first undisputed occupants of first place in the A. A. marathon by virtue of winning five games and losing one while calling on the Toledo Hens and Columbus Senators.

Oh, yes, the Blues were in two tie contests, but unlike football a tie is no mar in baseball and does not enter into the club standing because ties are disposed of later by double-headers.

Tribe Close Up

Closely pressing the K. C. patrollers are the Indians of Bruno Betzel with four games won and one lost, and therefore the series starting out W. Washington way today is given the honor of being rated a battle for first place, much to the disgust of the Milwaukee Brewers who thought they were going to grab a strangle hold on the top from the opening bell and defy Blues, Saints, Indians and other clubs to knock 'em off.

True the Brewers are up and coming and doubtless will soon to the A. A. heights shortly, but just the same RIGHT NOW the Blues and Indians are enjoying the scenery in the choice positions.

If the Indians downed the Blues today, the home boys will lead the league tonight.

Blues in Eight Games

While bad weather has interfered with the playing of many games since April 10, when the A. A. curtain was lifted, the Kansas City aggregation managed somehow to avoid postponements and they got in all eight contests, albeit two of their struggles went to no decision, one at Toledo and one at Columbus. In other words they got the benefit of playing every day, which helps much in early spring.

Our Indians were not that fortunate for they were forced to loaf three days of the first eight on the schedule, the third postponement coming Tuesday when rain and cold weather prevented the finale of their series with St. Paul.

The Blues were defeated for the first time at Columbus Tuesday, 4 to 3, the fracas going ten innings. It's evident the Senator herd is no set-up this season for any club, at least their record against Brewers and Blues indicates as much.

Zwilling Leads 'Em

Eddie (Dutch) Zwilling, who used to patrol the Indian outfield in spread-eagle fashion, is manager of the Blues and he'll have his boys here four days, the series starting this afternoon. Numerous A. A. favorites are on his roster, some of them being Long Tom Sheehan, Jimmy Zinn, Cy Wamouth, John Peters, Denver Grigsby, Wamby and others.

Kuhel, a new man whom the Blues have had farmed out since 1926, is holding down first base and is said to be doing it in style.

Kansas City is the third western club to be met by the Indians and Washington Park customers are expected to show lively interest in the new series if they get any encouragement at all from the weather.

Hot Rays Overdue

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TWO CAPTAINS

BY UNITED PRESS
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Newest Member of
Bruno's Tribe



Eddie Onslow

The newest member of Bruno Betzel's Indians is Eddie Onslow, who is striving to get in shape to give Walter Holke a battle for first base. Onslow was purchased after the Tribe left spring training camp and he did not have the benefit of practice under the warm southern sun. He batted .311 for the Rochester Internationals last season and Holke hit .309 for Indianapolis.

It's evident, therefore, that the battle for the initial sack job is certain to be close and interesting. Holke emerged from his spring training slump and yielded the stick for a .400 average in the first five games of the A. A. season.

With Indians at Bat

	Games	AB	H	Pct.
Anderson	1	1	1	1.000
Russell	13	6	4	.667
Layne	21	9	8	.889
Holke	15	8	7	.833
Wardell	29	8	7	.690
Holke	23	7	6	.690
Schupp	23	1	1	.043
Spencer	23	8	7	.869
Betzel	19	4	3	.789
Barwell	5	0	0	.000
Boone	2	0	0	.000
Speece	1	0	0	.000
Onslow	1	0	0	.000
Mueler	2	0	0	.000
Club average	185	60	52	.323

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Home Run Club
in 'Big Show'

Leaders

	W.	L.	Pct.
Frisch, (Cardinals)	1	1	1.000
Hinch, (Athletics)	1	1	1.000
Todt, (Red Sox)	1	1	1.000
Webb, (Cubs)	1	1	1.000

ESTERDAY'S HOMERS

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GENE SIGNS FOR 1929

Tunney and Rickard in Agreement

—Heene Bont in New York.

By UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, April 18.—Gene Tunney will arrive Friday to sign a new contract with Tex Rickard covering the heavyweight champion's service in 1929, the promoter announced today.

Rickard said the Tunney-Heene title fight this summer would be held in New York City and pre-dictated a \$1,500,000 "gate."

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Payne Again Is
Leading 'Derby'

By United Press

CHELSEA, Okla., April 18.—Andrew Payne, young Oklahoman, held the lead in the Pyle cross-country race again today as the runners left here for Miami, the last Oklahoma stop.

Peter Gavuzzi, the Southampton, England, entry, relinquished first place to the Claremore youth yesterday when he finished in twenty-fourth place in the Tulsa-Khelsea run.

Payne, making the 49.7 miles in 7:23, won the lap. Harry Rea, Long Beach, Cal., and John Connick, Saskatoon, Canada, finished in a tie for second and third places in 7:23:41.

By United Press

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

	W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas City	5	1	.833
INDIANAPOLIS	4	1	.800
Columbus	4	3	.571
St. Paul	3	4	.429
Louisville	3	4	.429
Milwaukee	3	4	.429
St. Louis	2	5	.294
Tulsa	1	5	.167

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	0	1	.000
Chicago	1	2	.333
Baltimore	1	2	.333
St. Louis	1	2	.333
Washington	1	2	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas City	1	1	.500
INDIANAPOLIS	1	1	.500
Milwaukee	1	1	.500
St. Paul	1	1	.500
Minneapolis	1	1	.500
Tulsa	1	1	.500

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INDIANAPOLIS	1	1	.500
Milwaukee	1	1	.500
St. Paul	1	1	.500
Minneapolis	1</		