

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 Kawtown 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.

Closely pressing the K. C. past-timers 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 scoot 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 the 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 Wurmuth, John Peters, Denver Grigsby, Wamby and others.

Kuhel, a new man whom the Blues have had farmed out since 1923, 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

If there be warm sunshine "just around the corner," many fans are in danger of developing dry necks pecking for it.

Ice-bound Greenly islet, where the Bremen plane landed, would hold no fears for loyal Tribe rooters who survived the first five games of the local season.

TWO CAPTAINS

By United Press
MADISON, Wis., April 18.—The University of Wisconsin's 1928 basketball team will have two captains. They are Elmer Tenhopen, Cleveland, Ohio, and Johnny Doyle, Waukegan, Ill., elected Tuesday night.

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Newest Member of Bruno's Tribe



Eddie Omslow

The newest member of Bruno Betzel's Indians is Eddie Omslow, who is striving to get in shape to give Walter Holke a battle for first base. Omslow 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 wielded the stick for a .400 average in the first five games of the A. A. season.

With Indians at Bat

Player	AB	R	H	Pct.
Anderson	1	1	1	1.000
Bussell	1	1	1	1.000
Layne	5	2	9	.429
Freeman	1	1	1	1.000
Holke	5	3	8	.400
Wassler	5	2	8	.400
Yde	1	1	1	1.000
Schnepf	2	2	3	.600
Haney	5	2	5	.400
Boone	1	1	1	1.000
Berrett	1	1	1	1.000
Donnelly	1	1	1	1.000
Leverett	1	1	1	1.000
Speice	1	1	1	1.000
Omslow	1	1	1	1.000
Mitchell	1	1	1	1.000
Club average	188	69	323	

Home Run Club in 'Big Show'

Leaders

Prich, (Cardinals).....3

Gehrig, (Yankees).....3

Hauges, (Athletics).....3

Todd, (Red Sox).....3

Goslin, (Senators).....3

Webb, (Cubs).....3

YESTERDAY'S HOMERS

Tavener, (Tigers).....1

Webb, (Cubs).....1

League Totals

National League.....13

American League.....13

Total.....34

GENE SIGNS FOR 1929

Tunney and Rickard in Agreement

—Heenev Bout 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 championship's service in 1929, the promoter announced today.

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

OLIVER A. C. SCRAPS

Miley and Levy in Main Go Thursday Night.

Five boxing bouts will be staged at the Oliver Athletic Club, 1247 1/2 Oliver Ave., Thursday night. First scrap at 8:15.

In the main go of eight rounds Al Miley and Joe Levy will clash. They are local boys. Stup Jenkins and Young Lench struggle in the six-round semi-windup.

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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 7:23.23, won the lap. He • Ren. Long Beach, Cal. and John Conick, Saskatoon, Canada, finished in a tie for second and third places in 7:23.41.

BASEBALL CALENDAR

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas City	5	1	.833
Indianapolis	4	3	.570
Columbus	3	4	.429
St. Paul	3	4	.429
St. Louis	3	4	.429
Milwaukee	3	4	.429
Altoona	3	4	.429
Toledo	1	5	.167

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	5	1	.833
Cleveland	5	1	.833
Chicago	3	3	.500
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	1	5	.167

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	5	1	.833
Boston	4	2	.667
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	1	5	.167

Today's Games

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Kansas City at Indianapolis.

Milwaukee at Louisville.

St. Paul at Columbus.

Minneapolis at Toledo.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit at St. Louis.

Chicago at Cleveland.

New York at Boston.

Washington at Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia at New York.

 Cincinnati at Chicago. || Boston at Brooklyn. | |
| (Only games scheduled.) | |

Tuesday's Results

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Kansas City.....101 018 000-3 8 2

Columbus.....002 109 003-4 10 2

Warrmouth and Peters; Meyers and Per-

rel.

Milwaukee.....204 300 000-2 14 2

Toledo.....010 130 200-7 12 1

Sanders, Edelman and Young; Scott,

Ryan and Devoever.

St. Paul at Indianapolis (postponed; cold

and wet grounds).

Minneapolis at Louisville (postponed;

rain).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland.....101 010 201-6 9 2

Detroit.....030 101 000-4 9 2

Grant, Hudlin and L. Sewell; Gibson,

Sisk and Hargrave.

St. Louis.....200 000 000-2 10 2

Chicago.....211 000 000-4 9 1

Stewart, Ogden and O'Neil; Schang;

Lyons and Birtz.

New York at Boston (postponed; cold).

Washington at Philadelphia (postponed;

rain).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago.....010 010 000-3 10 1

St. Louis.....002 000 000-2 5 0

St. Jones and Gonzales; Alexander and

O'Farrell.

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (postponed;

rain).

Philadelphia at New York (postponed;

cold).

Boston at Brooklyn (postponed; cold).

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Notre Dame, 3; Kalamazoo College, 0.

Michigan, 17; Purdue, 0.

Missouri, 4; Kansas U., 1.

Kansas Aggies, 4; Kansas U., 2.

Illinois, 14; Butler, 1.

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