

Indiana's Great H. S. Basket Classic Gets Under Way in 64 Centers

Indians Eagerly Await Arrival of First String Performers at Sarasota

Spencer Due in Camp to Talk Over Terms With Tribe
Bosses; Manager Betzel Figures on Acquisition of Harry Riconda.

BULLETIN
SARASOTA, Fla., March 1.—Catcher Roy Spencer reported to the Indians today and signed a contract for the 1929 season. Immediately thereafter, Spencer donned a uniform and joined the other Indians in the day's drill.

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SARASOTA, Fla., March 1.—Going into the fifth day of spring training the Indians now are at a stand still, more or less, awaiting the arrival of several seasonal pastimes for Manager Betzel to insert into the business of getting together a baseball club.

The first squad has been pushed and punished enough to give the

Tourney Scores Over State

AT BEDFORD

Needmore, 22; Heltown, 12.

Mitchell, 17; Ooltic, 16.

AT CLINTON

Rockville, 20; Greene Township, 8.

Dana, 31; Belvoir, 5.

AT CONNERSVILLE

Everton, 15; Franklin, 15.

Pawer, 35; Waterloo, 15.

Connersville, 62; Springfield, 9.

AT GARY

Hancock Mann (Gary), 20; Crown Point, 17.

Wallace (Gary), 18; Hammond Tech, 17.

AT GARRETT

Auburn, 19; Jefferson Center, 13.

Ashley, 19; Butler, 16.

AT GREENSBURG

St. Paul, 28; Westport, 13.

AT HUNTINGTON

Warren, 28; Jefferson Twp., 9.

AT JASPER

Cerro, 19; English, 15.

Petersburg, 24; Stendal, 23.

AT LAFAYETTE

West Point, 23; Buck Creek, 19.

Clarks Hill, 24; Wex., 20.

AT LOGANSPORT

Deacon, 19; New Waverly, 14.

AT NEW ALBANY

Silver Creek, 19; New Albany, 12.

Peekin, 28; Georgetown, 25.

Henryville, 30; Posey Township, 16.

AT NORTH JUDSON

Center, 16; Monterey, 15.

Franklin, 39; Groverton, 13.

AT OAKLAND CITY

Reitz (Evansville), 31; Newburgh, 11.

Miller (Evansville), 12; Gentryville, 9.

Linville, 21; Folsomville, 13.

AT OWENSBVILLE

Hazleton, 22; Stewartville, 18.

Poseyville, 21; Princeton, 14.

AT TERRE HAUTE

Riley, 38; Fontana, 23.

Otter Creek, 22; New Creek, 17.

AT VINCENNES

Vincennes, 17; Edgewood, 7.

Oaktown, 41; Sandborn, 13.

AT WARSAW

Van Buren Township, 35; Warsaw, 25.

North Webster, 30; Pierceton, 20.

AT WINCHESTER

McKinley, 17; Losantiville, 13.

Lincoln, 18; Jackson, 11.

Franklin Noses Out Methodists

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 1.—Franklin College's Grizzlies nosed out Dr. Pauw's university men here Thursday night, 34 to 32. The locals led at the half, 19 to 13.

A swift drive by the Baptists evened the count and near the end another spurt netted victory. Summary:

DE PAUL	G	F	TP	FRANKLIN	G	F	TP
Hagel, f...	2	3	14	Wooden, f...	2	3	14
Stone, f...	4	1	9	Freeman, f...	1	2	4
Mountz, f...	2	0	4	Henderon, c...	0	0	1
Crane, f...	2	0	4	Gorman, f...	0	0	1
Stunkel, f...	0	1	1	Underwood, f...	0	0	0
Loveless, f...	2	0	4	Shirley, f...	3	3	9
Costello, f...	0	0	0	Surface, f...	1	2	4
Totals	13	6	32	Totals	12	10	34

WRESTLERS INELIGIBLE

Gloom Settles on I. U. Campus as Stars Slide Out.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 1.—Gloom settled in the Crimson camp today when it was learned that the wrestling team may meet Michigan Saturday night without the services of three regulars due to ineligibility because of grades and injuries.

Doc Unger, varsity heavyweight, is lost for the entire season due to his grades and it is likely that Conner, in the 125-pound division, and Buck Weaver, in the 145-pound division, will not wrestle at Ann Arbor Saturday night because of injuries received in practice.

ROY MEEKER IS IDLE

Promising Reds' Southpaw Suffers From Attack of Neuritis.

By United Press

ORLANDO, Fla., March 1.—Roy Meeker, promising southpaw brought to the Cincinnati Reds from Columbus, was idle today, the result of an attack of neuritis in his pitching shoulder.

The same trouble forced him to remain on the bench during the latter part of last season. Manager Jack Hendricks sent the Reds through their first batting drill Thursday.

MAY BE BETTER HITTER

Uncle Wilbert Spends Time Coaching Del Bissonette, First Sacker.

Manager Wilbert Robinson is spending much time at spring training camp in coaching Del Bissonette, his first baseman, in certain batting weaknesses.

He hopes Del will raise his average of .320.

BASS BEATS ABAD

ST. LOUIS, March 1.—Benny Bass, Philadelphia, defeated Davey Obad, Panama, in a furious ten-round scrap here Thursday night.

754 Teams Comprise Starting Field in Huge Scholastic Event.

POINT FOR REGIONALS

16 Ultimate Survivors to Compete for Finals.

Sport fans drew a perfect day today to trudge to the sixty-four centers, where play in the nineteenth annual Indiana high school basketball eliminations were taking place.

Catcher Roy Spencer's appearance eagerly was looked forward to today after he had sent word Thursday that the latest offer made by Owner Perry interested him to a point where he would report for practice. This new attitude displayed by the mainstay receiver is taken to mean that it will be only a matter of hours until his name is attached to the official papers.

Three of 'em Ready

The coming of Spencer will make three catchers in camp and fix the department just right for the pitchers to get plenty of target practice. The other backstops, Riddle and Munn, are sturdy chaps and willing workers, and they will begin now the battle for the second string job back of the plate.

First baseman Monahan and second baseman Connolly, two men assured of positions, are due to reach Sarasota Saturday and pep up the infield drills. Gorman and Metz, Western League third sackers, also are listed as Saturday arrivals and they are sure to be given a quick test at the hot corner.

During the infield drills this week

Russell has been playing first, Manager Betzel second, Warstler at short and McElroy, a rookie, at third. McElroy is not a bad looking rookie in the field and is tossing the sphere, but has much to learn about hitting.

Will Get Riconda

That third sack eventually will be filled by Harry Riconda of the Pirates, according to the bold prediction of Boss Betzel, who adds that his only infield worry is to develop a capable utility performer.

Of the absent outfielder, one of three has signed. He is Clyde Barnhart and he will doubtless be on hand during the week-end. Matthews and Layne have not accepted terms.

The crop of pitchers in camp is

nothing to rave about and bodes ill for the Indians when they start playing big league opposition in exhibition tilts. In other words there are not enough experienced hurlers here to carry the numerous rookies over the hard spots.

Bill Burwell is absent with leave, Ken Penner is absent without leave and Danny Boom is a holdout. In the matter of pitchers, however, Pilot Betzel sings sweetly of the future. Pittsburgh owes one in the Swetonic deal and in a verbal agreement the Pirates also have promised to send a second sound chucker.

Shortstop Warstler was the first sick list victim in the Tribe training camp at Sarasota. He got too much sun Wednesday which resulted in a blistered neck, and after practice Thursday his stomach went out on him and he had a spell of dizziness. He was feeling better Thursday night.

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