

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK. April 28.—The season isn't very old yet, but the Brooklyn ball club is in last place and there is no telling how long it will be there. A few months ago the club fired the most picturesque manager in baseball and followed that by trading its most colorful ball player, an amusing guess as to the name of Babe Herman. So it is no surprise to get a letter such as this:

"Dear Mister Williams—I am standing in front of the managery at the Plumbers and Mechanics Bridge and Whist Club which is on the corner of 14th and 2nd and a speech from Ebbets Field and I am talking to Big Mack. Big Mack is the man who has been here the last hour except that he says it only on days when the Yankees are here. He says, 'I am a good boy, Robinson, which means that the house does not buy very much, if at all. He says, 'I am a good boy, Robinson? I say to Big Mack, diving into the pretzel bin at one and the same time.

"I say to King Levinsky, 'Friday night,' he grows a very puzzling-like smile.

"I say to you, 'I am a good boy,' I repeat, urging the frost off a hunk of dark brown mud which he has placed in front of me. He says, 'I am a good boy, you like them Dodgers this year.'

"I say to the man in flight will make them other goats look as silly as a cop chasing a gangster. He says, 'I am a good boy, you like them Marxs—no, the Marx Brothers, Ed Wynn, Jimmie Durante, and Charlie Chaplin. I son ever did and that he is saying a lot. On top of that he could play some base ball.'

"Now them Dodgers this year is as funny as an income tax return they just announced, he says, 'I am a good boy, you like them Vessing Mother Carey to death. I would rather go out in a plane and get down in the Bronx and watch the Flatbush Terriers play the Williamsburg Tigers than look at the Yankees. I am a good boy, you like them. Even if they was good I wouldn't like 'em. I don't even want to go out and see Hoyt, he is a good boy, you like him. Besides, they tell me this Hoyt has got all the talent of a good boy, you can imagine to win a baseball pennant with a die? I always heard that you need a nice team and a good boy, you like them pennant. There is only one kind of die anyway, and that is a good cold glass of beer.'

"The Braves, who had been deadlocked with the Cubs in first place, remained idle at Boston as frigid weather froze out their game with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In the American League, the New York Yankees fell into first place although the weather man kept them out of action. Detroit's Tigers dropped a 4-0-3 decision to the White Sox and descended to second.

The Pirates started off in whirlwind style, scoring all of their four runs in the first inning. Gus Suhr started this rally by driving out a homer with one on.

Mack was on the mound for the victory. He allowed only five hits. Stomper, Harris and Brane yielded eleven.

Cincinnati's Reds defeated the champion St. Louis Cardinals, 6 to 4, halting Cincinnati's losing streak of five straight games. The defeat dropped the Cardinals to sixth place, while the Reds moved up to fifth.

In the American League the Detroit Tigers dropped into second

place because of their 4 to 3 defeat by the Chicago White Sox. Excellent relief pitching by Irving Hadley helped the Chicago victory. With one out and two on bases, Hadley replaced Sad Sam Jones in the ninth and retired the side scoreless. Vic Sorrel went the route for the Tigers, allowing seven hits. Jones and Hadley also were found for seven.

Wesley Ferrell, ace of the Cleveland Indians, pitching stints, hurried himself to his fourth victory of the season and his team's third straight triumph over the St. Louis Browns. The score was 7 to 1.

"I never read a book in my life except the Bartender's Manual with illustrations and I have never seen a book under the standing of the clubs in the newspapers."

"As far as saying, 'Big Mack' hands me my favorite afternoon newspaper and points to the standing of the clubs, and what do I read? Brooklyn was 3, lost 7; percentage, .300."

There was only one thing to say and Big Mack said it:

"What's it going to be?"

Signed: Ben (East New York) Louis.



BERLY GETS TRIBE SLAB JOB AGAINST BREWERS

Tribesmen Open Road Action in Cream City Before 12,000 Fans

Feels Better

By United Press

NEW YORK. April 28.—Babe Ruth is doubly pleased now that the Detroit Tigers have dropped into second place in the American League, permitting the weather man to boost the New York Yankees into first position.

Every time the Tigers lose a game, the big fellow heaves a mighty sigh of relief. He's not afraid they'll beat the Yankees, but they've been threatening his reputation as a prognosticator.

In his pre-season selections, he picked the Tigers to finish sixth in the league. He hopes they'll fall into line as soon as possible so that no one will point the finger of scorn at his predictions.

Knott has pitched two victories for the Brewers during the early season out on the road and stacks up as the fair-haired boy to give Milwaukee the best chance to upset the invading Tribesmen.

The Tribe lineup today, with the exception of pitching, was to be the same as on Monday in Indianapolis when the Indians slapped down O'Rourke's aggregation, 8 to 4. McCann was to play first base, Sigmar second, Hale third, Goldmark short, Purdy in left, Fitzgerald in center and Walker in right.

Blues Next Foe

The contest today will be the first of a three-game series and the Indians will hustle out of Milwaukee and head for Kansas City immediately after Saturday's battle.

The Tribe postmills will be away from home on May 22 and will visit seven cities, making a complete tour of the circuit.

Milwaukee's annual "baseball night" celebration was held Wednesday and about 500 attended. It was a combination dinner and entertainment sponsored by the local Elks.

Indianapolis players were guests as well as the Milwaukeeans, with the exception of Jack Knott, the hurler chosen for duty today. He was advised to remain home and pick up as much rest as possible.

President Thomas J. Hickey of the American Association was present at the festivities along with Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee. Owner Norman Perry of the Indians and Jack Hendricks, Tribe business manager. Countless local boosters participated and the Brewers were lauded and applauded and visiting Hoosiers also came in for oratorical bouquets.

"Friends tonight but enemies Thursday" constituted much of the phrasing of the speech making.

Perry Stadium Praised

Milwaukee newspaper men who were out on the road with Brewers and visited Indianapolis to obtain a slant on the Tribe's spacious and modern park now refer to their own field as "the ancient amphitheater."

Perry stadium is so much superior to Horchner field that there is no comparison and Owner Perry heard himself praised to the skies Wednesday night over his courage in erecting a new plant during hard times.

The Indians reached Milwaukee at 5:30 Wednesday and it was the second successive day they went without exercise owing to the fact no game was played Tuesday.

Brewers Hold Drill

The Brewers took a lot of batting practice on their field Wednesday afternoon and the Milwaukee hurlers took a light drill to remove the kinks out of their salary wings.

The Shorecrest hotel is Tribe headquarters in Milwaukee and the postmills retired early Wednesday night in anticipation of a hard afternoon today. The men of McCann are especially eager to turn in a triumph in their first performance on the road.

Hollingsworth in the pole vault and Gohl in the broad jump and hop-step and jump also are entered.

Thirteen I. U. Trackmen in Carnivals; Purdue Sends Six

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 28.—Thirteen Indiana U. trackmen were ready for action today in the Drake and Penn relay carnivals.

Brye Beecher, stellar pole vaulter and high jumper, and Watson, 3,000-meter steeplechase star, were entered in their specialties at Philadelphia.

Eleven Crimson stars, accompanied by Coach E. C. Hayes, sought honors at Des Moines, Brocksmith, Hornbostel, Fuqua, Kemp, Martich, Harpold, Crouch, Neese and Cuthbert will be shifted around to compete relay teams in the 880, mile, 4-mile and distance medley features. Brocksmith, holder of the Big Ten mile and 2-mile records, will run another on the medley and 4-mile quarters in addition to competing in the feature individual 2-mile struggle.

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Semi-Pro and Amateur Baseball

By Times Special

INDIANAPOLIS. April 28.—The new nine-hole layout will present nearly 5,000 putts and will measure more than 6,000 yards of green area. All the greens will be genuine sand.

The course is between Keweenaw Avenue and 46th Street, just north of Forty-sixth street, was designed and built. Harry Schorn, veteran pro at South Grand, is in line for the road greens only. Frank Kautsky, manager, and J. E. Mathews, secretary of the local club, attended Wednesday's meeting.

Sam Vigran of Richmond is president and treasurer of the loop, and Ken Murphy of Richmond is secretary.

Indianapolis Cubs Recreation Club teams will open the season Saturday with Folk's Inn. Pennant will be awarded to the Casey St. Patricks and Gasteria nine, tangiers, Dillers, Bremen and Bob Kelly will form the battery for the first game, with Archie Kimble and Buck House will make up the battery for the gas boys.

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