



By Eddie Ash

Averages Give Sigafoos Strong Rating

French Ring Boss Switches to Irishman

Davis Protects Favorite War Bludgeon

WITH Frank Sigafoos, regular infielder, back in the Tribe fold for 1933, Manager Red Killefer believes the holdout situation is easing up and now feels sure other regulars will fall in line rapidly as reporting time for spring training nears. Sigafoos is slated to guard third base this year.

"Siggi" was the Hoosiers' keynote sacker last season, and though at times he was criticised for slow fielding, the American Association of official averages reward him with a high rating on figures alone. He hit the sphere for an average of .313, scored 105 runs and batted in 77.

Frank collected 199 hits in 163 games and his safe wallop included 29 doubles, 11 triples and 10 home runs. He pilfered 14 bases and had 14 sacrifice hits. All of which is fair enough for an infielder from the standpoint of the attack.

Sigafoos' fielding average was .980, which was high among regular second basemen. Connolly was the lone keynotes righthander to top Frank in putouts, 440 to 422, but in assists, where swift ground covering is necessary, several second sackers topped him.

Turgeon, Toledo, was high in assists, with 550. Connolly of Milwaukee had 530; Jeffries of St. Paul, 525, and Sigafoos and Whitehead of Columbus finished even with 488. The Hoosier veteran took part in 99 double plays, which was third high for regulars in his position. Jeffries participated in 130 and Connolly in 106.

Official 1932 statistics credit Sigafoos with ten games at third base, showing 9 putouts, 27 assists, 3 errors and participation in four twin killings.

The Indians, as a whole, fell down on double plays, and were sixth with a total of 145 for the team. St. Paul was high over all with 205, and other clubs finished as follows: Milwaukee, 174; Minneapolis, 166; Toledo, 161; Columbus, 150; Louisville, 141, and Kansas City 133.

Another 1932 Indian to accept terms for the new season is Stewart Bolen, veteran southpaw pitcher. He signed the new agreement Thursday. Pitcher Lefty Butzberger and Roy White, candidate for the infield, both of whom saw some service with the 1932 Tribesmen, also returned contracts today with terms accepted. Bill Burwell, veteran right-hander, wrote from Florida that he is getting in shape and expects to be on hand at reporting time. He has not signed yet, however.

#### DESCAMPS BUILDS ANOTHER RING HOPE

FRANCOIS DESCAMPS, once was ballyhooed for his hypnotic eye fame, but his reputation was lost when Jack Dempsey paid no attention to the bunk about the "destructive lamp" and went right ahead and knocked out Descamp's George Carpenter. That was several years ago.

Well, Descamp is now trying to develop a new meat ticket but has picked up a wild Irishman this time instead of a perfumed Frenchman. This new steward's name is Jack Doyle, 19-year-old Dublin heavyweight, and Descamp is training him in animal fashion. It is said Doyle virtually is a prisoner in Francois' camp at Le Guerche, a rural community in France.

A United Press correspondent obtained an interview with Manager Descamp and the crafty fistic ringmaster said, in part:

"I keep Doyle a prisoner because it is the only way to teach him. He has to be trained like a lion. From dawn to dusk, from week to week, he sees nothing but this bunch of hard-hitting pugilists you see around you. They are tough babies."

"Some of the future champions of France are among them, as well as some of the oldest ring generals. Jack has one trouble in common with Carpenter, a delicate jaw. Georges had a glass chin and Doyle has a soft one too, but I'll teach him to protect it."

It is reported the French ring wizard admitted that, of the hundreds of fighters who have passed through his hands, only two have been allowed to share his home with him: the adonis, Carpenter, and Jack Doyle.

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THE nearest salary approach to Babe Ruth that collegiate football can offer is Wallace Wade, coach at Duke university. Wade is working on a five-year contract for \$100,000. His fee increased from year to year over the period—\$15,000 first year, \$12,000 second year, and so on. Duke is endowed by a tobacco fortune and \$10,000 was placed in the bank several years ago to be drawn upon only for the football coach's salary. Signals!

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**WINTER HAVEN, Fla., March 3.**—Three holdout pitchers signed on the dotted line when they arrived at the Phillies' camp here Thursday. In the morning, the outfielders a long batting drill, and in the afternoon the infielders took their turn. Fred Vaughn's work at shortstop pleased Gibson.

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**CLIFF SUTTER VICTOR**  
HAMILTON, BERMUDA, March 3.—Cliff Sutter, third ranking American tennis star, today held the Bermuda men's singles champion ship. He defeated Gregory Margan of Newark, N. J., 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, in Thursday's title battle.

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\* CORAL GABLES, Fla., March 3.—Gene Sarazen's six-inch putting cup was slated for its first formal test today in the Florida Year Round Club \$5,000 open, despite frowns from the U. S. G. A. and the P. G. A.

No official action will be taken against the departure from the official four-inch cup.

Sarazen, British and American open champion, was the tournament favorite. Paul Runyan, Denny Shute, Walter Hagen and Tommy Armour were others favored to capture the top honors.

Among the other outstanding linksmen entered were Billy Burke, Harry Cooper, Johnny Revolta, Willie MacFarlane, Johnny Golden, Horton Smith, Olin Dutra, Al Espurino, Henry Clegg, Phil Perkins, Craig Woods, Joe Kirkwood, Bill Mehliorn and Johnny Goodman, runner-up for the amateur championship in 1932.

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Tracy Cox carried too many guns for Jimmy Alvarado, and the young Hock of Elwood staged a real thriller, with the Michigan state champion getting a shade.

This was the best battle of the evening, and only a few points separated the rivals at the finish. They slugged with both hands from bell to bell in every round, and got a big hand from the fans.

Youth and a straight left jab with which he battered his veteran rival's face gave Willard Brown the edge over Jackie Purvis, local welterweight, in another ten.

Brown got away to an early lead, but Purvis rallied in the middle sessions, only to fall behind again at the finish. Willard won handily.

The hall was fairly well filled considering conditions.

## Around the Big League Camps

FLINT RHEM, Ed Holley and John Berly were the pitchers who accepted terms Thursday.

DETROIT, March 3.—Two pitchers were absent Thursday as both were on the Boston Braves' tour to the Florida spring training. Dr. Herb Pruitt and Leo Mangum, have not reported. Pruitt, a full-figured physician, expected that he would be put on the voluntary retired list. He has bought another physician's practice in St. Louis.

Tracy bombarded the Michigan youngster with both hands in the late rounds after Alvarado had held him close in the opening stanzas. His strong finish gave Cox the decision by a wide margin.

Weighing 139 1/4 pounds, three pounds more than his rival, Cox was at his best. He hammered Alvarado's body and cut his face, but scored only one short-count knockout, in the fifth round. Both boys mixed freely.

Two other lively tens completed Sam Slotky's card. Ernie Mauer,

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GUY Bush and Buck Newsom limited the regulars to three safe blows in seven innings. Bud Ting and Boryl Richmond were victims of the Yanks' attack. The Cubs play the New York Giants Saturday and Sunday.

PASADENA, Calif., March 3.—Vic Fraser, who was almost a total loss to the Cleveland holdout list today—Wesley Ferrell and Willis Hudlin, ace pitchers, and Harley Boss, rookie pitcher, Dick Porter, outfielder, signed their contract Thursday.

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—Bill Terry drove his New York Giants through a hard workout today in preparation for the first exhibition game against the Chicago Cubs at Catalina Island. The National League rivals will clash Sunday.

George Davis, young fighter, came from the Philadelphia in trade, and the Giants in battling practice. Thursday, lining two others over the Wrigley field, the sliding pits concluded Thursday's drill.

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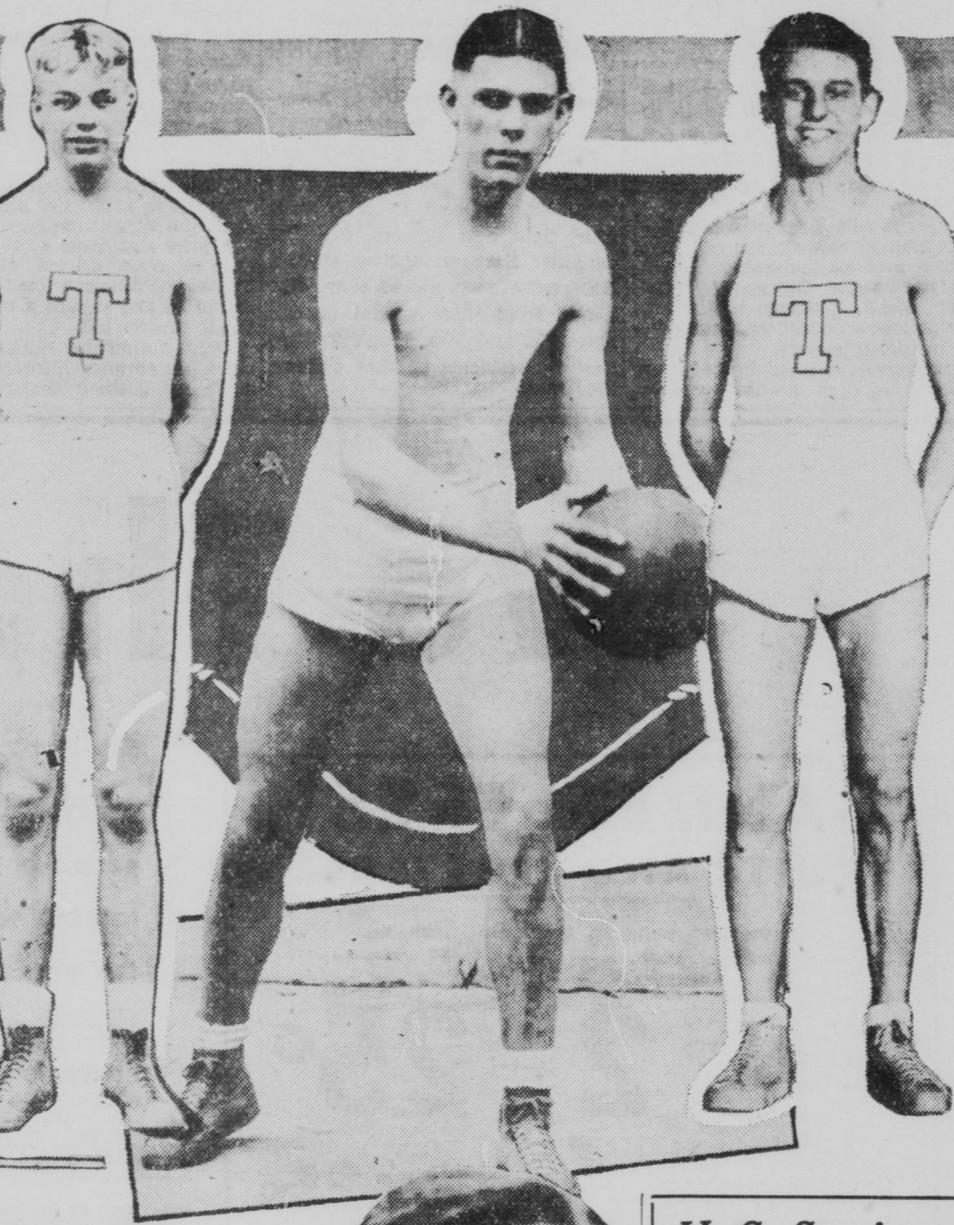
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## H. S. Sectional Results

Angola

Scott, 27; Scott Center, 13; Springfield Township, 31; Shipshawana, 10; Topeka, 36; Sales, Center, 29.

Bluffton

Berne, 23; Chester Center, 12; Geneva, 30; Monroe, 13.

Connersville