



By Eddie Ash

Chuck Klein Near 'Pink' for New Year

Experts Debate New Athletic Machine

Sports Sidelights Picked at Random

WITH his manager, Burt Shotton, predicting a pennant, and with the well-known Dan Howley weighing in with the forecast the Phillies will finish at least third, Chuck Klein, Indianapolis, the Hoosier Hercules, is feeling like a 2-year-old as he prepares to take off for his 1933 big league spring training season in Florida. The slugging Chuck will leave early Thursday for the Quakertown camp in Winterhaven.

Declaring himself to be within a few pounds of regular playing pounds, Klein expects to round into top form in short order after the southern sun hits him a few times and after he takes a few swings in batting practice. "Fact is," Chuck said today, "I plan to get right in there and perform in the early exhibition games, my object being to have a big season from the outset."

Fishing, hunting and bowling took up Klein's spare time this winter and he sees no reason why he shouldn't continue to lambast the horseshoe as well as cover his territory in the usual style. This six-foot Hoosier is fast on his feet as well as being a demolisher of pitchers, and he's only 26 batted.

He batted .348 last year and pilfered 20 bases. Included among his 226 hits were 50 doubles, 15 triples and 38 home runs and he was third high in the National League in hitting percentage.

Klein led the league in total hits; in scoring runs, 152; in total bases on hits, 420; in stolen bases, and tied with Mel Ott of the New York Giants for most home runs in the senior major circuit. Moreover, he was second in hitting in runs, his record showing 137. Don Hurst, a team mate, batted first at .343.

In the last four years, since becoming a regular performer, the Indianapolis slugger has scored 100 runs or more each season, made 200 hits or more and hit over 400 total bases in three of the four seasons, missing out in 1931, when his mark was .347.

MACK'S TEAM UNDERGOES BIG CHANGES

THE old Mackian machine isn't what she used to be and big league experts are spending hours speculating on what the several changes will bring about. Eddie Collins, Connie's right-hand man, has stepped up as part owner of the Red Sox; Simmons, Haas and Dykes are with the White Sox; Coach Kid Gleason is dead, and Bing Miller has retired to the coaching lines and to do part-time playing as a pinch hitter.

The veteran Mack is sure to miss the presence of Collins and the Grand Old Man of Shibe park now will have to continue to carry on and forget about retirement so long as his health holds out. It has been the general opinion for years that Collins would be the next pilot of the Athletics, but the major scribes will have to revise their predictions now since Eddie has become a magnate in another city.

Collins supplied Connie with valuable assistance and was the handy man on the lot, around the dugout and in spring training camp. Always busy, that was Eddie's style, permitting Mack to sit back and size up the good and bad points as Collins sent the athletes through the paces.

Still, there were rumors heard in Florida last spring to the effect certain stars with the Athletics were a bit displeased with Collins' method. They said he was hard-boiled and was inclined to ask too much out of them as well as fire too many sharp orders.

Some of the veterans may have been pulling against him at that when baseball stars reach the prima donna stage they often become filled with importance and imagine lot of grievances.

BIG JIM IS QUITE SOME ATHLETE

JIM BAUSCH invaded New York recently to take part in various indoor track meets. He is the former football and track star of Kansas and winner of the Olympic decathlon champion last year. Big Jim doesn't have to prove his merit. His records do the talking for him. Lamp this list of Bausch's best performances: 100 Meters, 11.1s; 400 meters, 5.8s; 1,500 meters, 4 min. 50s; high jump, 5 ft. 11 1/2 ins.; broad throw, 173 feet; shot put, 51 ft. 11 ins.; 110-meter high hurdles, 15.6s; throw, 173 ft.; shot put, 51 ft. 1 ins.; 10 meter high hurdles, 15.6s.

One of the first officials of Eddie Collins as part owner of the Red Sox was to tell Manager Marty McManus to play third base. Eddie thinks Marty too young to become a bench pilot. He's 32. Eddie also believes Bucky Harris quit the diamond too soon for dugout occupancy.

Dynastic, Kentucky Derby candidate, was unplaced only twice in ten starts as a 2-year-old and finished third in the Futurity and Kentucky Jockey Club. He may supply the surprise dynamite May 6 at Louisville.

Tom Kearney, St. Louis big shot bookie and winter book storekeeper, was socked for \$85,000 in 1924 when Black Gold romped off with the Kentucky classic. But Tom hasn't been very wrong since then.

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• Down The Alleys •

WITH LEFTY LEE

Advance entry in both doubles and singles in the annual Catholic tourney is up to the standard of former years, it was said today. The event will be held on the Pritchett Recreation alleys the coming weekend.

Fred Schleimer again is in charge of this event, and can be found at the Pritchett drives each day, or entries can be mailed to him at these alleys.

Two out-of-three was the rule during the Optimist League series Monday at Pritchett's Big Bazaar. Bests and Second, and Surpenses, Happy Days and Cherries, Jess Pritchett could only roll, so Muselman defeated him by one point, winning 600 with games of 222, 224, and 213.

Conditions being what they are, the local optimist of 100 has secured another entry in the Pritchett's Big Bazaar. The thirteenth annual National Elks tournament that opens on the Pritchett's alleys March 13 is the only team that fails to enrol by this date is absolutely pure. This meet deserves the name of over 100 entries and it is still the hope of local boosters to establish a new record entry.

The popular Chuck Klein is well moved from the runway shield, as all day for the last two hours Thursday, Klein has come into quite a bowler this season. His average was up to 100 points, and last year Klein is within two or three pounds of his baseline, having won 100 and expects to clinch those shorts after he arrives the Phillips camp at Winterhaven, Fla.

The only contests rolled in the Transportation League Monday resulted in an odd game, with the Central Indiana Lines over the Railways and New York Central Lines over L and N, and Monon Route.

Jack Huni capped all honors during the courthouse League play on the Central alleys, with a total of 633 that included three games from the whole of the Treasurers and Union Surveyors.

Osterville-Lizelton Coal was in great form during the South Side Business men's League play on the Fountain Square alleys, and the team with a 699 series had 877, Fox 627, and Waukesha 616. The Service Station was the victim of this season, but the local boys are not so bad, having won 100 and expect to put in quite a few practice ticks to avenge their defeat at Louisville.

Indiana Refining games on the Delaware

indicative of the peculiar temperament of the business. Bill Terry replaced John McGraw as manager of the Giants. With the team in last place, McGraw walked out tired, weary, ill, and, I suspect, not a little bit disgusted.

The Cubs began the season with Rogers Hornsby at the helm, but when the team turned into the stretch, a surprising change was made. "For the good of the game," Hornsby was dismissed outright by the Cubs and Charlie Grimm named in his stead. The Cubs lacked many qualities in the world series, but most of all they lacked self.

Obviously, if the magnate can't or doesn't go out and spend money for players, the manager isn't going to get very far.

There will be five new managers in the majors when the new season starts next month. Actually there will be only two—one in the Americans and one in the National. The other three moved in as replacements after the season was under way last year, succeeding the original appointees.

This in itself was unique and is,

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Bank Holiday Hurries Hold-outs; Ruth Expected to Sign.

BY JACOB CUDY

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NEW YORK, March 7.—The bank-holiday rush of baseball hold-outs to sign their 1933 contracts has stimulated the belief in baseball circles that Babe Ruth will accept a salary of \$50,000 before the Yankee exhibition season starts a week from today.

The sight of at least eleven athletes deserting the holdout ranks since Saturday is believed to have weakened the Bambino's resistance, despite emphatic assertions Sunday that he would never accept fifty grand for his services.

Three Yanks Sign

Three of his own reluctant teammates filled out their documents Monday. Bill Dickey, catcher; Tony Lazzeri, second baseman; and Dusty Cooke, outfielder, accepted salary cuts. This left only the Babe, Lou Gehrig and Charley Ruffing unsigned.

Treasurer Joe Gilleaudeau of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Monday night convinced Al Lopez, catcher; Jack Quinn, vet pitcher, and Danny Taylor that they should wield the pen. They followed in the footsteps of Babe Phelps, right-hand pitcher. This left only Hack Wilson and Joe Stripp outside the Dodgers' fold.

The St. Louis Browns announced that George Blaeholder, pitcher and Crouch and Benny Bengough, catchers, had signed up, and the Cincinnati Reds ushered Red Lucas into the barn.

Ruppert Is Optimistic

Some of these chaps had planned to hold out until the exhibition season started, particularly Al Lopez and Bill Dickey, the catchers who had been loud in their salary lamentations. But they were spurred to action, apparently, by fear that the clubs might change their mind about the size of salaries already offered, in view of the banking situation.

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This conclusion was reached in golfing circles after an analysis of play in the first major tournament in which the cup was used, the Florida Year-Round Club's \$5,000 open, concluded Sunday.

Paul Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., the winner, averaged a distance for tif'-six drives of any of the leading ten professionals in the competition. His average was 220 yards, while Walter Hagen averaged 247 and Gene Sarazen, 240.

However, Hogan's edge in accurate approaches and deadly putting for birdies on fifty-five greens

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