



By Eddie Ash
MICKEY THE MIKE SPEAKS OUT
CONFIDENCE TICKLES TIGERTOWN

BASEBALL fans of Detroit are enjoying a pleasant off-season and it's a case of all-smiles in the stove league up there. Mickey the Mike Cochrane talks a good race in the winter and then goes out and produces a pennant in the summer. He's the last word in confidence and Tiger rooters are ready to believe anything he says.

Cochrane took a sixth-place club and made it American League champion in 1934, his first year at the helm. Repeating in 1935, Mickey the Mike also added the World Series title to make it a grand slam.

"We can't miss this year," Cochrane said the other day. "We are going to be better than in the last two years and we have the 'something' that the other contenders lack. The Bengals possess the pitching, hitting, fielding and spirit. Four in one, there. Just chalk up another gonfalon for Detroit."

The only thing worrying Mickey, he confesses, is Hank Greenberg's wrist that was cracked when the lanky Tiger first sacker collided with Catcher Hartnett early in the 1935 Series. The injury took Hank out of action. Greenberg declares the wrist is as strong as ever and to prove it he has demanded more money than Detroit is offering.

COCHRANE takes the view, however, that you never can tell, knowing the only real test of a crippled wing is hard work with the ball and bat, which Greenberg is sure to receive in heavy doses during spring training. He is the "big shot" of the Detroit attack and if any weakness in his form comes to the surface it will be corrected at once if it takes the Tigers' last dime. At any rate, that's the way Mickey puts it.

Cochrane is willing to admit that the Red Sox, Yankees and Cleveland have enough to make it hot for his Cats, but labels them "threats, with just enough menace to keep our boys on their toes." It's difficult to match Mickey in a fanning bee when his Bengals and the pennant are the topics.

INGSIDE broadcast by WIRE of The Times-Legion Golden Glove bouts is bringing a national response. Sports Commentator Andre Carlson has received a flood of mail, much of it from such points as Washington, D. C., Schenectady, N. Y., Southbridge, Mass., and also from Western cities. The writers mention they are now regular Friday night listeners. Action in the Armory ring is to start tonight at 7:30, with the broadcast beginning at 10.

There is money in the horse race business—if you own the track. Narragansett Park is planning to set up a purse of \$64,000 for its New England Futurity, to be run at the Pawtucket (R. I.) course this fall.



The Law!

THE American League has added two new umpires for the 1936 pennant race. Steve Basil, left, comes from the Texas League, and is the first Syrian umpire to make the majors. He hails from Austin. Charles Johnston, right, served seven years in the American Association before being promoted. He also is a native Texan, and played full back for Southern Methodist U.

Sears to Run in Meet at Boston

Local Track Ace Continues Indoor Campaign.

Times Special

JACK (JUDGE) HENDRICKS, operating Tice's tavern on Maryland-st as a receiver, is in new line, but says in a way it's similar to baseball with a lot of conversation exchanged. Jack is a baseball encyclopedia and nobody ever heard of him being stumped on a question in diamond history. Hendricks has been up and down the line as player, manager, scout and business manager in the Old Central League, Western League, American Association and National League. On top of that he earned a degree in law at Northwestern University. His Indianapolis club won the pennant and Little World Series in 1917.

GELBERT IS THIRTEENTH ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 7.—The signed contract of Charley Gelbert, star third sacker, was received yesterday, the thirteenth filed by the St. Louis Cardinals for the 1936 season.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 7.—Despite the fact that Purdue's basketball squad has made an impressive showing in opening its Big Ten campaign with five straight victories, Boilermaker followers anxiously are awaiting the results of the week-end's road trip against Iowa and Minnesota before considering the advisability of indulging in talk of championship possibilities.

Despite the fact that Iowa Saturday night's foe, is one of the two teams in the Big Ten that never has won an undisputed hardwood crown, the Hawkeyes have been a consistent stumbling block in the Boilermaker path and more than once have popped Purdue's title balloons.

Incidentally, Iowa is the only Big Ten combination that is within striking distance of the Boilermakers on the basis of the long-time series since the World War, for in 21 games Purdue has piled up only a slim 11-to-10 edge, and Old Gold and Black supporters have learned by sad experience that it never pays to make predictions when the two teams meet.

Purdue has fared much better against Minnesota, which will provide the Monday night opposition at 7:30.

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Play Here to Extend Over Three Days

Questionnaire by Trester Hints Change in 1937 State Net Meet.

BY PAUL BOXELL

Assurance that the Indianapolis high school sectional basketball tournament will extend over a three-day period was given today when Arthur L. Trester, commissioner of the I. H. S. A. A., announced time schedules for all events connected with the state eliminations next month.

For the first time in tourney history, sectional centers having 13 or more competing teams will be permitted to begin play on Thursday night without making a special request to the I. H. S. A. A.

Sixteen Marion County teams participate in the local sectional at the Tech gym. Tourney dates here, then, will be March 5, 6 and 7. Sessions will be held Thursday night, Friday morning, afternoon and night, and Saturday afternoon and night.

Other Arrangements

Sectionals with a maximum of nine entries will hold sessions on Friday and Saturday afternoons and nights. A Friday morning session will be added to that schedule for sectionals having from 10 to 12 competing teams.

All Saturday sessions, in the regionals, semi-finals and finals, as well as the sectionals, will hold games at 2 and 3 in the afternoon and the championship tilt at 8 at night.

A total of 64 sectional meets will be held throughout the state.

Commissioner Trester also announced that the pairings for all divisions of the state tourney will be announced Saturday, Feb. 29. Regional play will be held March 15, the four semi-final meets on March 22, and the finals at the Butler Fieldhouse on March 29.

Dissatisfaction Revealed

Action in the sectional at Tech will begin with three games Thursday night, March 5. Three more tilts will be played Friday morning, three Friday afternoon, and three at night. Semi-finals and finals, of course, will be played Saturday afternoon and night.

Indication that the Board of Control of the I. H. S. A. A. fears dissatisfaction over the new tournament system was revealed in an additional note stating that a questionnaire is to be sent to 800 high school principals following the tourney finals.

The questionnaire will seek "suggestions and reactions regarding the state championship tournament series."

The possibility that the final tourney may be changed from the local fieldhouse site in 1937 was indicated in a following sentence which stated: "The I. H. S. A. A. lease on the Butler Athletic facilities has one more year to run, and the Board of Control will desire to secure the reactions of the principals regarding lease provisions at Butler, or elsewhere, for the future."

It is that "or elsewhere" insertion which attracts attention.

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Semi-Final Tickets

Ticket allotments for the four semi-final tournaments to be held in Indianapolis, Gary, Muncie and Vincennes have been divided as follows:

1. Five hundred season tickets will be guaranteed to each of the four participating schools, and to the center school city if not a participant, provided such tickets are purchased not later than Monday, March 16. Purchase must be made by the high school principals.

2. Ten season tickets will be guaranteed to each of the schools participating in the sectional tournaments included in their semi-final tourney area, provided such tickets are purchased not later than Monday, March 16.

3. Twelve complimentary tickets will be given to each of the four participating schools for the ten team members, principal and coach.

4. Open sale of remaining tickets will begin Tuesday morning, March 17, with the understanding that the center principal will guard all sales to insure fairness to all.

5. The blocks (500 each) for the four participating schools shall be located in the middle portions of the two sides and next to the playing floor.

Complete Time Schedules

All tournaments will have the same time schedule on Saturday—afternoon at 2 and 3, and evening at 8. Time schedules for sectionals on other days follow:

Eight Teams—Two Officials

Friday afternoon, 2:00 and 3:00; Friday evening, 7:00 and 8:00.

Nine Teams—Two Officials

Friday morning, 10:00 and 11:00; Friday afternoon, 2:00 and 3:00; Friday evening, 7:00 and 8:00.

10 Teams—Two Officials

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12 Teams—Three Officials

Friday morning, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00; Friday afternoon, 2:00 and 3:00; Friday evening, 7:00 and 8:00.

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