

'NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS,' MOANS MICKEY TO JOE

One Wallop After Another, Cries Cochrane, and Every One Where It Hurts Most

Tiger Pilot Is Referring, of Course, to Detroit Injury Epidemic; Col. Williams Agrees Greenberg-less Champs in Tough Spot.

By JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, May 8.—There wasn't a cloud in the sky, nor the slightest suggestion of foul weather in the atmosphere, and yet Mr. Mickey Cochrane was most positive on the point that it never rains but it pours.

The reporter had heard that phrase somewhere before, and thought it very pretty. Did Shakespeare write it? Or was it Col. Stoopnagle? "I don't know who wrote it," snapped the manager of the world champion Detroit Tigers, "but it fits us to a T."

The reporter got it. "T" for Tigers, eh? "No, T" for terrible, and I'm talking about the kind of luck we've been having if you didn't know. Just one terrible wallop after another, and every one where it hurts the most."

Mr. Cochrane did not seem to be battered up. There were no visible wounds. His health appeared to be all that it should be. Perhaps he was like all generals and suffered only in a technical sense, reserving the more material agonies for his infantrymen.

This wasn't so. True, big Hank Greenberg had gone down in action with a double wrist fracture, and Jack Burns, who had been recruited from the Browns as a replacement, picked up an ugly spike wound, and there were still other casualties among the privates; but General Cochrane hadn't escaped the wholesale blight. Not by a long shot, or by a Bold Venture if you prefer.

The season had scarcely started before Mr. Cochrane stuck his thumb in the path of a foul tip and was forced out of the line up. This in itself was an ominous thing.

THESE weren't all, either. Some days later Mr. Cochrane read a book and it went to his head. Or rather to his eyes. Anyway he couldn't see for several days. It may have been a technical book on umpiring, judging from the result.

The luck of the Tigers last year and the year before was traditional. They went through two full campaigns without a major injury, and they won two championships in a row. In picking them to make it three straight this spring, baseball observers added . . . "If their luck holds out."

Well, it looks as if it's beginning to turn, and turn completely so. When Mr. Cochrane starts sticking his thumb into foul balls, things look dark. Relatively speaking, of course, the injury to Greenberg is the staggering blow. He comes close to being the backbone of the Tigers' offense, and experience has demonstrated you can't replace a back bone with a wish bone.

FOR the next two or three months Mr. Cochrane won't be able to do much more than wish he had Hammering Hank back in the line-up driving in runs. Hammering Hank drove in 170 runs for the Tigers last season, which was exactly 40 more than any other slugger in either of the two big leagues was able to do.

The Tigers were leading by five or six games when they clinched the pennant, and while the records are not available, it seems reasonable to assume Hammering Hank must have won at least 20 ball games, maybe 25, all by himself. So you can imagine just how greatly his bat is going to be missed.

TO offset the absence of Greenberg for three months—and it's going to be all of that—the champions will have to start clicking at top speed in every department. And it so happens that up to now they have been clicking in very few departments.

It's little incidents like this that cause Mr. Cochrane to squint into the golden sunbeams of a May afternoon and moan, "It never rains but it pours."

And, by the way, wouldn't it be all right to call Mr. Cochrane's team the "Simon-pures?"

Point-Getters for Ben Davis High



When the distance races are run off at the annual state sectional high school track and field meet at Technical Field this afternoon, Ben Davis High will rely on Harry Clark, left in picture, and Maurice Rowe for points. Rowe is one of the outstanding speedsters of Marion County and has been showing his heels to competitors in half-mile and mile events. He set two track marks at the Washington High School oval recently in the West Central invitational meet.

Game in Figures

INDIANAPOLIS		ST. PAUL	
AB	R	H	E
Bluege, ss	4	2	1
Fausett, 3b	3	2	1
Cotelle, 1b	3	2	1
Shiver, rf	2	1	0
Health, lb	4	0	0
Berger, cf	4	0	0
Riddle, c	4	0	0
Sherrick, 2b	4	1	0
Turner, p	4	1	0
Koster	0	0	0
Sharp, p	0	0	0
Totals	34	8	11

INDIANAPOLIS		ST. PAUL	
AB	R	H	E
Warner, 2b	4	2	1
Rosenhal, cf	4	2	1
Stinbacher, 1b	4	1	1
Boken, ss	5	1	1
Norman, rf	4	1	1
Trot, lb	4	0	0
McWilliams, 3b	4	0	0
Fasek, c	3	1	0
Rigney, p	0	0	0
Trow, p	0	0	0
Fenner	1	0	0
Koster	0	0	0
Weinert, p	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	11

Fenner batted for Trow in eighth. Koster ran for Fenner in eighth. Indianapolis . . . 200 000 000-8 St. Paul . . . 003 100 32x-9

Runs batted in—Fausett, Cotelle, Health (2), Riddle, Sherrick, Turner (2), Warner (3), Rosenhal, Boken, Norman (3), Trow, Fausett, Fausett (2), Double Play—Rosenhal to McWilliams, left on base—Indianapolis 7, St. Paul 7. Brought in 2-3-9 in 7th inning; Trout, 1 in none pitched; one batter in eighth; Sharpe, 1 in 2-3; Rigney, 6 in 1 pitched to three batters in second; Strickous—Turner, 2; Trow, 1. Winning pitcher—Trow, 7; Losing pitcher—Turner. Passed ball—Fasek, Umpires—Guthrie and O'Brien. Time—2:05.

WITH INDIANS AT BAT

AB	R	H	E
Bolen	11	5	455
Lawrie	7	3	429
Logan	9	3	333
Crandall	3	7	333
Fausett	81	23	299
Berger	78	24	398
Riddle	82	25	305
Bluege	81	24	266
Health	68	18	263
Sherrick	64	14	256
Shiver	42	10	238

Grappler Koverly and Davis Paired

Big Boy Davis, 240, powerful Ohio matman who has been showing to advantage in recent Army tugs, will return to action at the Pennsylvania-st arena Tuesday night where he will appear in the semi-windup. His opponent will be George Koverly, 220, of Minneapolis. Koverly has not been seen here for 18 months and will be remembered for his clever tactics.

One more spot, the opening bout, is yet to be filled. Otto Kuss, 229, Pine City, Minn., has signed and a worthy foe is being sought for the former Indiana University ace.

The final tug will see "Dynamite" Gus Sonnenberg, 210, former title holder, attempt to halt the winning ways of the "Black Secret," 220, the hooded grappler, who has gone undefeated here in eight matches.

BRITT TOSSES CHRISTY
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 8.—Alvin Brit, Kansas grappler, won over Ted Christy of California in the feature attraction of last night's local wrestling show.

Indians in Tailspin as They Invade Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 8.—The Indians of Red Killefer, saddened by three defeats in a row at St. Paul, reached Kawtown today to begin a three-game set with the second-place Blues. And it looks like more grief for the Tribe.

Manager Killefer spent a sleepless night on the train coming down from the Twin Cities. His club jumped off to an 8-0 lead there yesterday and then collapsed in the late innings and the Apostles won, 9-8. It was the twelfth consecutive victory for the league leaders and proved they are worthy of the high position.

Lost in Eighth
The Saints refused to give up and kept pecking away and caught mates passed the Hoosiers in the eighth. Indianapolis scored two markers in the first and six in the second, but were stopped cold by Relief Pitcher Gene Trow, who replaced John Rigney during the Tribe's heavy bombardment in the second round.

The Indians' six-run rally was featured by a home run by Pitcher Jim Turner with one on base. But Turner was belted off the mound in the eighth and was followed by Paul Trout and Jimmy Sharp. Hits were 11 by each club.

A home run with two mates aboard by Bill Norman in the seventh put the Apostles back in the game and they went on to win from there. Chief Killerer was bounced by Umpire O'Brien in the first stanza when the arbiter apparently missed a close play that proved costly to the Hoosiers.

Indianapolis was held runless after the second and St. Paul began a slow climb in the third by tallying three times when Warner touched Turner for a four-base wallop with Trow on ahead. A bad throw by Buck Fausett put Trow on the sacks.

The Saints eked out another SOFTBALL
Schedule of Sunday's Inter-Fraternity Softball League is as follows: Phi Sigma Chi vs. Kappa Alpha Phi, at Willard No. 1; Beta Sigma Nu vs. Phi Lambda Epsilon, at Riverside No. 2; Ace Club vs. Chi Sigma Chi, at Brookside No. 2.

St. John's is scheduled to meet Sacred Heart at Christian Park Sunday. The following players are requested to report for practice tomorrow evening: Donahue, Larson, Deeth, Layton, Muller, Buckner, Boy, Kent brothers, Brandt, C. Freije and McGivney. For games call Drexel 2734-J and ask for Jake Fozik.

SEEKS OPPONENT FOR SHERRY ON MAT HERE
Matchmaker Jimmy McLemore hopes to sign an opponent for Jack Sherry, Louisville middleweight, tonight to complete the card for his weekly wrestling show at Tomlinson Hall Monday.

Chief War Eagle, Canadian Indian, and Eddie Malone, New York, are to tangle in the main go. Morris Caudell and Red Strassinger are billed for the opener at 8:30.

Operation Ends Career of Evansville Wrestler

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 8.—Sam Carter, heavyweight wrestler, had reached the end of his wrestling career today after an operation for removal of his left shoulder blade.

Dr. Ralph Wilson, former wrestling star, who performed the operation, said Carter would have only limited use of his arm if he recovers.

The shoulder was infected following a match a few months ago with Cliff Thiede at Austin, Minn.

Semi-Pro, Amateur Baseball Notes

Schedules tomorrow in Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association circuits follow:

Co-operative League—Zifferin Trucking vs. Malable Iron, at Rhodus No. 1; Wall's Terminal vs. Roy Steele's, at Riverside No. 3; Smitty All-Stars vs. Real Silk, at Garfield No. 2.

Em-Roe Factory League—Herf Jones Co. vs. Chevrolet General Body, at Brookside No. 1; Link-Bell Co. vs. Union Printers, at Brookside No. 1; Rockwood Cubs vs. Marks, Inc., at Riverside No. 2.

Manufacturers League—E. C. Atkins vs. Kinman & Co., at Riverside No. 2; T. S. T. vs. Rockwood Mfg., at Riverside No. 1; P. R. Mallory vs. U. S. Corrugated Box, at Riverside No. 1; Fort Harrison vs. Chapman-Price, at Fort Harrison.

Metropolitan League—Tuxedo Theater vs. Smitty All-Stars, at Ellensberger; 49th-Merchants vs. Lakewood, at Garfield No. 2; Tom Joyce vs. Oak Hill Merchants, at Brookside No. 1.

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Clevelands Reverse Usual Road Luck, Win 6 in Row

O'Neill Men Confident as They Invade Crippled Tiger Lair; John Cooney Stars for Dodgers.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Big Chief Steve O'Neill and his marauding Cleveland Indians donned war paint and feathers today as they made final preparations for scalping their seventh straight victim—a crippled Tiger—in Detroit tomorrow.

If the Cleveland club can walk away from Navin Field with a victory dangling from its belt, O'Neill will have accomplished something no recent Cleveland manager has been able to do, and that is convincing the Cleveland players that they are a good road team.

After getting off to a bad start on their Eastern road trip, dropping their first four encounters, the Buckeyes dusted off their last six opponents, using only six different pitchers.

Those six pitchers have allowed only 14 runs, an average of 2 1-3 a game. If they continue at anything like that rate, there is no doubt about the team being a serious contender for the pennant.

Only 1 1/2 Games Behind
Yesterday Mel Harder pitched a 4-to-3 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics, enabling Cleveland to stay a game and a half behind the leading Boston Red Sox, who handed the St. Louis Browns their eleventh consecutive loss, 9 to 6.

Jimmy Foss led the way for Wes Ferrell to chalk up his fourth victory by blasting out home runs Nos. 7 and 8.

The New York Yankees kept right up with the Red Sox by triumphing 6 to 5 for their second straight over Detroit. Bill Dickey's sixth homer of the year, with two on base in the eighth, gave the Yankees their margin.

In a sloppily played game the Chicago White Sox made it two straight over the Washington Senators, 11 to 6.

Despite being outthit, the Chicago Cubs maintained their top position in the National League by edging out the Boston Braves, 9 to 8, in a 10-inning struggle. Bill Herman's

tenth inning double brought home the winning marker. Demaree and Klein of the Cubs and Moore of the Bees connected for the circuit.

St. Louis Cardinals scored two runs in the eighth for a 3 to 2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies and kept a half game in arrears of the Cubs. The New York Giants were dislodged from third place by dropping a 6-to-2 decision to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Van Mungo chalked up his third victory of the season as the Brooklyn Dodgers won their second straight, 7 to 3, over the Cincinnati Reds. Johnny Cooney, fast-fleeting Dodger outfielder recruited from Indianapolis, drove in three runs with a triple and a double.

Butler Cindermen Depart for Meet
A squad of 18 Butler University trackmen were to leave today for Naperville, Ill., for a dual meet with North Central College tomorrow.

Larry Holmes, hurdler and sprint star, pulled a muscle in time trials this week and may not be able to compete. Blackaby, outstanding in the weight events, will be with the baseball team tomorrow.

The squad announced by Coach Hermon Phillips follows: Waldo Stout, Robert Welch, Randall Griffin, Charles Brown, Winston Lawson, Lawrence Holmes, Frank Kline, Andy Boa, William Olsen, Ted Pruyn, Milton Wiener, Charles Smith, Henry Sackowitz, Jake Wegner, Haglan Tyner, George Richardson, Jack Hall and Bill Merrill.

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