

By Eddie Ash

HANEY'S HOPES REST IN STAFF
FRED'S HOOISER DAYS RECALLED

FRED HANEY, who used to play third base for Indianapolis, has a job on his hands as the new leader of the St. Louis Browns. . . . If he gets them out of seventh-place he'll have to do a lot of master minding with a pitching staff which shows only one outstanding chucker, the large Buck Newsom, winner of 20 games last season. . . . This club is the only one in the majors that never has won a pennant. . . . Help must come from the mound rookies and to lift the team a notch the hustling Hanev probably will suffer many a headache even before the campaign is knee deep in June.

Fred was a main cog on the Indianapolis pennant winners in 1928, the year the Indians edged in the wire ahead of the Minneapolis Millers. . . . The American Association race went down to the last day before the Redskins clinched the flag.

Playing the Rochester Indians in the Little World Series, the Hoosiers kept going and dealt out punishment to the Red Wings. . . . Seven games were staged, Indianapolis won five, Rochester one and there was one deadlock.

Hanev was a consistent hitter, agile base runner and a great infielder. . . . He anchored the infield and was a big help in every way to Manager Bruno Betzel. . . . The Tribe finished with a club batting average of .302, the same as Minneapolis, held opponents to fewest runs, 707, led the league in triples, 103; had the fewest strikeouts, 418; Hanev and Wid Mathews, Tribe center fielder, shared the triples title with 18 apiece.

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SARASOTA, Fla., March 31.—The Boston Red Sox brought 36 ball players to their spring training camp here. Of this number 18 or exactly half the squad, came up from the farms.

Thus in the six years young Tom Yawkey has had the club he has completely changed his policy. He has quit buying ready-made players and is now rolling his own. This doesn't indicate a belated realization of the merits of the farm system on his part; on the contrary, it represents the gradual growth of his position in the Boston field.

The necessity for urgency at any cost no longer exists there. The Red Sox have been re-established as a cogent baseball force. In the beginning Yawkey had to sell himself and he started by going into the open market and paying fantastic prices for name players.

He paid more money than the players were worth but that was the only way he could lure them away from their owners. The old line club owners laughed at Yawkey; they said he was one of those daffy guys that had more money than he knew what to do with.

Yawkey Had to Produce

YAWKEY wasn't so daffy. He had taken over an eighth place club in a field where interest was dead. He was an outsider with no baseball background and few friends in Boston. It was up to him to show he meant business. This he did by proceeding to outspend everybody else in the game. He got action and support even if he didn't get a baseball team.

But all that is water over the dam, as the fellow says. The Yawkey farm system is entering its fourth season and is beginning to produce. In fact, if the Red Sox are to threaten this year, farm hands must provide the added impetus.

In former spring speculation centered around such gold plated performers as Ely Grove, Jimmy Foxx, Wes Ferrell, Ben Chapman, etc.; this spring most of the talk is about Ted Williams, Jim Tabor and Woodie Rich. If the Red Sox are to get anywhere these three must produce. They are all listed as varsity men.

Tabor and Rich are outright products of the farm system. Williams' acquisition was made possible because the farm system had a sufficiency of fairly good men to use in a deal with the minor league club owner.

Tabor is a third baseman who quit the University of Alabama to turn professional two years ago. He has a good pair of hands, is tall and loose and reminds you somewhat of Pie Traynor. If he can hit big league pitching he will do. The scouts think he can. He hit .339 for Minneapolis last season.

Rich Reminds You of Alexander

RICH is a pitcher who was picked up in the hills of North Carolina. He is a right-hander with mannerisms suggestive of Grover Cleveland Alexander. He winds up and throws like Alexander, but there the resemblance ends. He has not the stuff Alexander had—but then who has?

Williams is an outfielder and is the fair-haired boy of the camp. He is free and easy at the plate and swings in the true, sharp manner that made Babe Herman the idol of Brooklyn. He took complete charge of the American Association last year. He led the hitters in practically everything, including speed records for the dining room.

The Red Sox had him down here last spring but could not stand him. He got on everybody's nerves. Finally, Joe Cronin, the manager, called Owney Bush, his manager, by long distance phone and asked him if he could use Williams.

"I'd drive all the way from Minneapolis to get him," cried Bush. He knew all about the young man's eccentricities and pop-off tendencies but that was all right; he also knew he was a ball player.

Midwest Golf Play Opens On French Lick Courses

FRENCH LICK, March 31 (U. P.)—A star-studded field of Midwest golfers will tee off here today in the first round of the eighth annual Midwest Amateur Golf Tournament.

Approximately 600 were expected to compete during the first round, although it was believed that many would drop out early in the 54-hole medal play. The play will alternate between the "valley" and "hill" courses. Both courses were in excellent condition after a week of moderate weather and some moisture.

Other strong contestants were Gus Moreland of Peoria, Ill., who has set up a good record in national competition; Walter Clegg of Indiana University, and Dick McCleary and John Maguire of Indianapolis.

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Pastor in 10-Rounder
CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.)—Bob Pastor, New York heavyweight, risks his rating of No. 2 challenger tonight against Maurice Strickland of New Zealand, in a 10-round bout at the Stadium.

AA Clubs Ready to Hand Tribe Spring Title

Indians Nip Leafs, Face Kansas City

Take 3-to-1 Decision From Toronto for Seventh Straight Victory.

Times Special
BARTOW, Fla., March 31.—International and American Association clubs are on the point of concluding the minor league Grapefruit championship to the Indianapolis Indians who are undefeated in seven starts and showing no signs of cracking up.

The Redskins knocked over the Toronto Leafs, 3 to 1, yesterday for the second time this spring and hoped to make Kansas City the eighth victim today in a game on the "home" grounds, the Bartow training camp diamond.

The Hoosiers defeated the Blues, 4 to 2, at Haines City on March 28, but since that affair the New York Yankees shipped more strength to Bill Meyer's club in Pitcher Al Picchetti and Outfielder Bill Matheson who were Kansas City regulars last year.

Probable Tribe pitchers for this afternoon's tilt were Jimmy Sharp and Lloyd Johnson.

Meet Bisons Tomorrow

To round out the week the Indians will travel to Plant City tomorrow to tackle the Buffalo Bisons, a team they shut out on March 16 in a 1-to-0 count.

John Wilson, right-hander, bunted three innings for the Tribe against Toronto at Avon Park yesterday and Lefty Bob Logan worked the last six rounds. The Leafs got their lone run of Wilson in the first frame but the Indians tallied twice in the same session and the score was 2 to 1 when Logan took up the burden in the fourth. Bob goosegeared in International Leaguers the rest of the distance and the Indians added a third marker in the ninth "just to make it safe."

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Just a breeze, the Indian bosses aver as they chuckle in compunction over their team's winning streak in Florida. Leo Miller, Tribe president (left), and Manager Schalk look contented in a big way. The team has won seven straight with nary a loss.



Al Ritter, the Indianapolis Indians' trainer, pours the morning portion of orange juice for Jesse Newman, first sack candidate from Texas, as Doug Wheeler looks on, waiting his turn. Wheeler also is a first base candidate.

Butler Track Team on Tour

13 Men Leave Today With Coach Sears, Hedden.

Coach Ray Sears and 13 members of the Butler University track team left this noon by automobile on a 1,900-mile spring vacation trip through Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas.

During the 10-day trip, Sears has scheduled six outdoor track and field meets. The Bulldogs will open the schedule tomorrow afternoon against Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo. Monday, the local Indians will meet nine to seven, but played heads up baseball and snatched at every advantage offered by the Leafs.

Just to keep the record straight for the fans back home, here's how the undefeated Redskins have turned it on:

Kansas, 4-2, Columbus, 11-5, Buffalo, 1-0, Louisville, 13-7, Toronto, 2-0, Newark, 7-2, Toronto, 3-1.

Yesterday's box score: INDIANAPOLIS

ATLANTA

TORONTO

DETROIT

CHICAGO

MINNEAPOLIS

ST. LOUIS

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