

How About A Blitz Finish Caps?—3 Straight Over Hershey



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

WHILE dwelling on ice hockey for the moment as they root and toot for the agile Caps, Indianapolis sports goers also are looking ahead to the baseball season and opening day, April 16, at Victory field when the new deal Indians trot out on the greensward to tackle the Columbus Red Birds.

Starting time on opening day will be 3 p. m. (CWT). . . . In past years the lid-lifters started at 2 p. m. but the extra hour of daylight under war time will permit a 3 o'clock start and without the hazard of darkness cutting in if the contest goes extra innings.

Secretary Al Schlesinger has set 3 p. m. as starting time for all week-day afternoon games this year, 2 p. m. for Sunday double-headers and 8:30 p. m. for night games. . . . The American association schedule calls for a double-header every Sunday the Indians are at home.

The Tribe's first twin bill will be on Sunday, April 19, playing the Toledo Mud Hens, or Fred Haney & Co., from the banks of the Maumee.

The painters are about ready to move out of Victory field and that will clear the decks for the finishing preparations for opening day. . . . The huge lettering on the ball park scoreboard now reads "Victory Field" instead of "Perry Stadium."

The Indians will arrive from the South on Tuesday April 14 and don the new uniforms in a dress rehearsal and light limbering up practice. . . . On Wednesday, April 15, the boys will go through a last hard workout prior to the league inaugural on Thursday. . . . Fans will be invited to witness the Wednesday, April 15, workout without charge.

The Redskins will pull out of their Cocoa, Fla., training camp in the early morning of April 13 and travel to Indianapolis by Pullman.

Box Seats Sold Out; Others Going Fast

INDIANAPOLIS BASEBALL FANS made short work of the box seats for opening day. . . . These have all been sold, total, 2108. . . . Box ducats are priced at \$1.25.

The eight rows of reserved seats (priced at \$1.00), back of the boxes, also are meeting a ready sale. . . . Only two sections remain unsold. . . . These \$1.00 grandstand seats total 2240. . . . The general admission grandstand seats (priced at 80 cents) total 5583 and the fans are grabbing 'em at a fair rate of speed.

Even the 80-centers will be reserved on opening day. . . . Total grandstand seating capacity is 9941. . . . Bleacher capacity is 2200, all seats unreserved and priced at 45 cents. . . . Bleacher ducats will be sold only at the park on opening day. . . . Total capacity of Victory field (seated) is placed at 12,141.

WAYNE AMBLER, the Indians' 1941 shortstop, may solve the team's second base problem in the event he changes his mind about passing up baseball this year. . . . And he's beginning to weaken, it is said.

Ambler fell into permanent employment in his home town in Pennsylvania following the 1941 American association campaign and at one time announced he was through with the diamond profession.

Ambler prefers second base to shortstop and this may be the factor that will lure him back into the game. . . . He was a second sacker in college when he played at Duke university but was switched to the shortstop after becoming a leaguer. . . . The Indians tried Wayne Blackburn, outfielder, at second yesterday in their game with Buffalo at Cocoa, Fla.

Colonels Bolstered by Red Sox Gifts

SMILING BILL BURWELL did just that today as the Boston Red Sox unloaded three players and directed them to join the Louisville Colonels. . . . In the ax-swinging by the big leaguers Manager Burwell landed three men for his Louisville Colonels, who are owned by the Red Sox.

Sent to Louisville are Eddie Pelligrini, a shortstop, a classy fielder and a long ball hitter; and Pitchers Nelson Potter and Andy Karl. . . . Potter is an American league veteran and Karl is up from Scranton.

Pelligrini will plug the hole at shortstop. . . . Burwell used Johnny Pesky there last season. . . . Now Pesky is understanding Joe Cronin at shortstop for the Red Sox. . . . As a matter of fact, Cronin thinks the youngster will make the big league grade if he isn't drafted ahead of the opening of the season.

No Expensive Rookies This Year for Boston Red Sox

By GEORGE KIRKSEY

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SARASOTA, March 31.—The days of lavish expenditures for ball players in an attempt to make a pennant-winner out of the Boston Red Sox are over. Tom Yawkey spent some \$4,000,000 trying to buy a pennant and all he ever got was second place. Yawkey has changed his tactics and probably will have just as good a ball club this season as he's ever had during his nine-year regime.

There are no expensive rookies in the Red Sox camp this spring. The Charlie Wagner, who won 12 each, newcomers are largely youngsters who will be the leaders. Big things are developed in the Boston farm system or bought at meager prices. For instance, one of the best looking rookies in camp is Catcher Bill Conroy, picked up in the draft from the coast league for just under \$5000.

Missing from the Red Sox lineup this season will be two of the standbys of the Gold Sox—Lefty Grove and Joe Cronin. Grove has hung up his spikes and Cronin will manage from the bench this season, making only occasional appearances as a pinch-hitter and utility infielder. The dugout gossip is that Grove's absence will help the Boston pitching staff immeasurably.

Grove was Mr. Big on the Red Sox staff. He was a pal of Yawkey's and could pitch when he felt like it. His whims caused the entire Red Sox staff to be thrown out of gear, so the story goes. At any rate that's the theory of some of the second-guessers.

The Red Sox were hard hit in the draft, losing Pitchers Mickey Harris, Earl Johnson, Larry Powell and Emerson Dickman and Al Blair, who had the inside track for Jimmy Foxx's first base job. Harris, Johnson and Dickman were all considered.

On the records the Red Sox pitching last season ranked fifth. There is some hope that it'll be better. Bill Conroy, the hard-hitting rookie this season, Dick Newsom, who from Oakland, and Johnny Peacock won 18 games, and Joe Dobson and in reserve.

They'll Gun for Second Playoff Tilt Tonight

Our Boys Aren't Worried About Going Stale

By EARL RICHERT

Tonight's game at the Coliseum between the Capitals and the Hershey B's may be the last chance this season for the thousands of hockey-fever stricken Indianapolis fans to cheer for and groan for our Caps.

It will be the final game on the home floor this season unless the best three-out-of-five series between the two squads for the American hockey league championship goes to the fifth game.

If a fifth game is necessary, it will be played at the Coliseum Sunday night.

And our Caps, with one game already under their belts, aren't intending that the series shall go the full limit.

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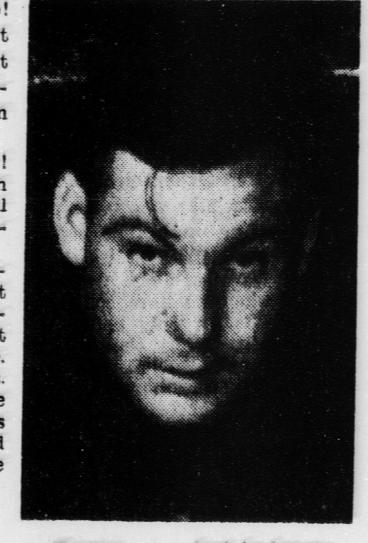
The more cautious ones are hopeful that they can win two of the next three games, thus ending the series at Hershey, Pa., Saturday night, and the more optimistic ones are saying they will win the Calder cup in three straight, winning again tonight and in the first game in the Hershey offense.

Hershey and the Caps play here tonight at the Coliseum at 8:30 o'clock.



That gentleman on the left above is one of the Kilrea skating demons. He is Wally Kilrea, captain and center of the Hershey B's who are one down on the Capitals in the Calder cup hockey playoffs. Kilrea is a brother of Lee and Ken of the Caps. On the right is Harry Frost, a right wing and a key man in the Hershey offense. Hershey and the Caps play here tonight at the Coliseum at 8:30 o'clock.

Goalie Turner, Hamlet of Hockey, Plans a Vacation; After That It's the Army



GOALIE JOE TURNER, Mr. No! No! of the Caps, is the Hamlet of hockey. He carries the weight of the whole world on his shoulders whenever an opposing team puts the disc past him.

And while an occasional No! No! is his only audible comment when things go wrong, he delivers all sorts of not-very-nice mental soliloquies to himself.

The nice thing about Joe, according to his teammates, is that he never blames anyone but himself when the enemy scores. It is never the fault of the defense. It's all him. And he never alibis.

The Indianapolis fans have learned all these traits of Joe's during the year he has played with the Capitals and they love him for it.

Best in the League

IN THE STANDS, you can often hear Cap fans criticizing members of their own team but you never hear a word said about No! No! even when he has a few bad moments and lets a couple past him within the space of a few seconds such as happened in the game with Hershey Sunday night.

The fans know how badly Joe feels about such things. So

Turner . . . best in league.

they just feel badly, too, and don't say anything. While not as flashy as some goalies, Joe is so consistent and so rarely caught off guard that he is regarded by many followers of the ice sport as the best goalie in the American hockey league.

And certainly if the Caps win the Calder cup this year there

will be very good basis for that opinion.

Joe's record as a goalie is outstanding, particularly when one considers that this is his first year in professional hockey.

He played goalie with the Holzbaugh Ford amateur hockey team in Detroit for two years and was signed by the Capitals last summer. In the '39-40 season the Holzbaugh Ford team won the U. S. amateur championship.

Studied at Detroit U.

JOE IS A native of Windsor, Ontario, and is 23 years old. He celebrated his birthday last Saturday.

He has lived in Detroit for the past several years, however, and studied commerce and finance at the University of Detroit for two years, prior to turning pro.

His hobby is boating and he has a boat and a cottage on the Canadian side of Lake Erie where he likes to spend every possible spare moment.

After the end of the series with Hershey, he and several other bachelors on the Cap team plan a vacation in Florida. After that, Joe says, it will probably be with the U. S. or Canadian army for him.

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Purdue Clinic Not Abandoned

LAFAYETTE, March 31 (U. P.)—Purdue university athletic officials, who almost abandoned their 11th annual football clinic because of the war emergency, today rushed final plans for the event with deserved satisfaction.

Between 400 and 500 coaches from high schools and colleges in the middlewest were expected to attend.

And Cecil Isbell and Don Huston, the beginning and the end of many forward-pass touchdowns for the Green Bay Packers, will highlight the session.

The clinic will be held Friday and Saturday at Purdue—the result of pressuring by Orville J. Hooker, president of the Indiana coaches association, who urged the clinic as "a swell thing for our football men."

Reconsider Plans

Guy Mackey, new Purdue athletic director, and Elmer Burnham, head football coach, reconsidered the plan to drop the clinic and scheduled addresses, discussions, demonstrations and roundtables on the gridiron game.

Announcement of the Isbell-Huston appearance assured the clinic's success and drawing-power, as the famous aerial combination agreed to demonstrate the use of the forward pass as a program highlight.

Huston is the peerless pass catcher who was named the National football league's most valuable player last year, and Isbell, a former Purdue star, threw at least one touchdown pass in every game last fall.

They will supplement their discussion of aerial strategy with a field demonstration of the tactics employed when they add up their pass touchdowns.

Isbell scored a new league record last year in completing 15 touch-down passes in 11 games to bring his four-year total to 34 touch-down passes.

Huston last year broke five marks for scoring and pass receiving, making 12 touch-downs, 10 on passes. He scored 98 points and tied the record of 55 passes caught in one season, to give him a seven-year total of 57 touch-downs and 386 points, both new league records.

FIGHT RESULTS

By UNITED PRESS NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—Johnnie Pisacane, 128, New York, outpointed John Rizzo, 128, Brooklyn, Columbia, (8). Warren Dean, 127, Brooklyn, outpointed Eddie Luton, 126, Brooklyn, 11. John B. Moore, 126, Brooklyn, outpointed Eddie Luton, 126, Brooklyn, 11.

Frankie Pytlak, classified in the 1-a group, will be the first-string catcher until he's called up, with his reclassification from 1-a to 3-a in the draft. Dom DiMaggio will play center and Pete Fox and Lou Flynn will divide the right field job. Bobby Doerr will be at second and John Pesky, who hit .325 at Louisville and was voted the American association's most valuable player, will take over Cronin's shortstop job.

Ted Williams, baseball's only .400 hitter, is back in his left field job and apparently set for a big year despite the early furor over his reclassification from 1-a to 3-a in the draft. Dom DiMaggio will play center and Pete Fox and Lou Flynn will divide the right field job. Paul Campbell, a converted first baseman, and John Welaj from Washington will be the outfielders on other deadlocks.

Champions crowned in the inter-city finals were:

112 Pounds—Ralph McNeill, Newark, N. J.

115 Pounds—Jack Graves, Bismarck, N. D.

118 Pounds—Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y.

120 Pounds—Morris Corallo, Fort Lee, N. J.

122 Pounds—Joe Carter, Utica, N. Y.

124 Pounds—John Conway, New York.

126 Pounds—Jimmy Caro, New York.

128 Pounds—Joe Dobson, New York.

130 Pounds—Dick Newsom, New York.

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