


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 Schlensker 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 11, 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 duets 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 duets 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 Pellagrini, 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.

Pellagrini will plug the hole at shortstop. . . Burwell used Johnny Pesky there last season. . . Now Pesky is understating 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 newcomers are largely youngsters 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 days—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 Fox's first base job. Harris, Johnson and Dickman were all considered regulars.

On the records the Red Sox pitching last season ranked fifth. There is some hope that it'll be better this season. Dick Newsome, who won 19 games, and Joe Dobson and

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 Bears 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.

Quick Finish Forecast

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 at Hershey Thursday night.

But they know the road to glory won't be easy. Out of the seven games the two teams have played this season, the Caps have won four and the Bears three.

Winning the Calder cup, the trophy that goes to the league champion, means \$2500 more to our Caps on top of the \$5000 pot which they got for beating the Springfield Indians in the first place playoffs.

If they should lose to Hershey they would get only a \$2000 pot.

Injured Player Recovers

Vic Lovendahl, Hershey left defense who received a deep gash over the eye when he fell to the ice in Sunday night's game, will be back in play for the Bears tonight.

Rabitt McVeigh will serve as referee and Ag Smith, the Indianapolis' fans favorite target for booing, as linesman in tonight's game, reversing the positions they held in Sunday night's fray.

Our Caps are still in top form despite the hard schedule they have been through during the past few weeks, winning 21 out of 23 of the last games of the regular season to lead the league in total points and beating the tough Springfield Indians in the first-place playoffs which went the full five-game limit.

Look Ahead to Vacation

Some Caps' rosters are afraid that after turning on the steam to complete this fine record the Capitals are bound to go stale. But, with only two wins needed to top their first American hockey league championship, our Caps are not worried about going stale.

"We'll go stale in Florida after this thing is over and not before," declared several of the Caps who are planning short vacation trips south before taking their summer jobs or going into the Canadian army.

City Net Champs Receive Awards

Nine members of the R. C. City championship basketball team and Manager Leo Ostermeyer have been honored by the team's sponsor.

Richard Wenning, Jim Evans, Robert Gray, Don Glenn, Joe Blasingame, Eugene McCarthy, Robert Wolf, Jim Tolin and Robert Timmons have been awarded engraved belt buckles.

The Colas finished their season recently winning 30 of 41 games. They were undefeated in the Bush-Feele Friday league. Evans, former Tech player was high scorer for the year with 288 points.

Hoosier Wins Gloves Crown

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.).—New York held the national Golden Gloves team championship today for the first time since 1935 thanks to the pugilistic ability of chunky Jimmy Carroll, a hammering young factory foreman who blasted his way to the heavyweight title.

Eighteen-year-old Carroll won a three-round decision over rugged Hubert Hood, a powerful Negro from Chicago's South side, before 16,571 fans at Madison Square Garden last night, giving the New York Daily News team its triumph.

Twice since it last held the championship the New York team has tied for the crown and it was leading, 8-7, when the final bout came up last night. A victory for Hood, 20-year-old laborer, would have given the Chicago Tribune team another deadlock.

Champions crowned in the inter-city finals were: 112 Pounds—Ralph McNeill, Newark, N. J.; 118 Pounds—Jack Graves, Bismarck, N. D.; 125 Pounds—Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y.; 135 Pounds—Morris Cora, Fort Arthur, Tex.; 147 Pounds—Bobby Burns, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; 160 Pounds—Joe Carter, Utica, N. Y.; 175 Pounds—Curt Conway, New York; Heavyweight—Jimmy Carroll, New York.



That gentleman on the left above is one of the Kilrea skating demons. He is Wally Kilrea, captain and center of the Hershey Bears who are one down on the Capitals in the Calder cup hockey playoffs. Wally is a brother of Hec 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.

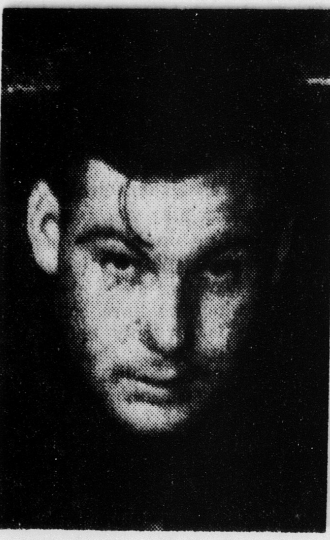
And while an occasional No! No! is his only audible comment when things go wrong he delivers all sorts of not-very-nice mental soliloquies to himself.

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 his. 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



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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 Holzhau Ford amateur hockey team in Detroit for two years and was signed by the Capitals last summer. In the '39-40 season the Holzhau 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 the U. S. or Canadian army for him. (E. R.)

No Buses Keep Tribe at Camp Today; Beat Buffalo, 7-3

COCOA, Fla., March 31.—Due to transportation difficulties brought about by the rubber situation, no bus was available to cart the Indianapolis Indians to Hollywood, Fla., today to play the Baltimore Orioles and the game was called off.

Hollywood is 190 miles from Cocoa and it was deemed unwise to make any effort to press local private autos into service for the trip. It would have been like asking too much from Cocoa's loyal baseball boosters, who have their own problems in conserving tires.

But the cancellation of the Baltimore game didn't hurt the morale of Skipper Gabby Hartnett's Redskins. They still were glowing over their feat of yesterday in bowling over the Buffalo Bisons, 7 to 3, on the Cocoa diamond.

The Indians went for that "big inning" and they accomplished in the fifth by plating five runs, including Johnny McCarthy's two-run homer. The circuit wallop followed Joe Moore's double, his third safety of the game.

Two Triples Smacked

Then after two out Bill Skelley belted a triple. Johnny Pasek drew a walk, and Milton Galatzer, batting for Pitcher Oral Hildebrand, smacked out a triple. Galatzer also scored on a Buffalo error on Wayne Blackburn's grounder.

The Indians collected 11 hits in the fracas and six were for extra bases. That's power personified.

The spring debut of Hildebrand, the Hoosier stringbean, was an elegant success. He worked in regular game action yesterday for the first time during the training trip and turned back the Buffalo Bisons with one run and four hits in five innings.

George Gill, also right-handed, and also lanky, took over the Tribe mound toll in the sixth and was solved for two markers in the eighth. He allowed four blows over four rounds.

The victory evened the series with the Bisons as they beat the Redskins, 2 to 0, at Ft. Pierce last Saturday.

'Hildie' Takes It Easy

Hildebrand nursed his arm through the five rounds and had the situation under control most of his tenure on the mound. He struck out three and walked three. A walk and two singles accounted for the Bisons' first-inning run. The Tribesters pounced upon Floyd Giebel, the former Detroit Tiger hero (1940) and plated two runs in the fourth and five in the fifth. The big five put the contest out of the Bisons' reach.

In addition to collecting 11 blows, the Indians tightened up on the defense and no miscues were charged against them in the field. It was their first errorless game in five played in the grapefruit circuit.




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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 Hutson, 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 coaches "as a swell thing for our football men."

Reconsider Plans

Guy Mackey, new Purdue athletic director, and Elmer Burnham, new 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-Hutson 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.

Hutson 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.

Honor Capitals

Hoosier hockey fans will have a chance to honor the Indianapolis Capitals for their performance of the past season at an appreciation dinner to be held at 6:30 p. m. next Monday at the Columbia club.

Tickets for the affair will be limited to 450 and they will be sold for \$2 apiece on the first-come, first-served principle.

The duets will be on sale at the Coliseum during and after the game tonight and will be on sale at L. Strauss & Co. tomorrow.

The appreciation banquet is being sponsored by a number of hockey fans and the Coliseum management is handling the ticket sales for them because they have a ticket sale setup in operation.

The dinner itself will cost \$1.50 and the 50 cents extra charged for the meal will be used to buy presents for the hockey players and Manager Herbie Lewis.

Ind. Quintets Split In Chi Tourney

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.).—The international invitational Y. M. C. A. basketball tournament moved into the quarter-finals today with only four invading teams still in the running. Winners this afternoon will meet in semi-final matches tonight.

Quarter-final pairings today: Flint, Mich., vs. Chicago Clippers; Davenport, Iowa, vs. Portsmouth, O.; Anderson, Ind., vs. North-Larabee (Chicago); South Chicago vs. Wabash (Chicago).

First round results: Portsmouth, O., 45; Lincoln-Belmont (Chicago), 37; Anderson, Ind., 58; St. Paul, Minn., 23; Davenport, Iowa, 31; Auburn, Ind., 25; Flint, Mich., 47; Hyde Park (Chicago), 41; North-Larabee 43; Bay City, Mich., 31; South Chicago 42; Eau Claire, Wis., 28; Wabash 55; Pittsburgh, Pa., 35; Clippers 38; Canton, O., 26.

Loebs Joins Navy

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Frank Loebs, former football coach at Washington university, and a Purdue university graduate, was commissioned by the United States navy yesterday as a lieutenant, junior grade.

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Franklin Out In 3 Minutes

PITTSBURGH, March 31 (U. P.).—A left hook and a right cross repeated rapidly three times) was all the description needed today to tell how Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh Negro, advanced his ambitions toward the heavyweight boxing crown by knocking out Lem Franklin in less than three minutes.

It took the "Peabody Paralyzer" only two minutes and 40 seconds of the first round at the Gardens last night to prove his nickname and blast the hopes of the Cleveland Negro of coming back after his eight-round knockout at the hands of Bob Pastor last month. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds.

All three hooks and crosses used by Bobo to chill his opponent had telling effect on Iammin' Lem, who hit the canvas for counts of seven and nine before he was downed for good. But Bobo, too, had a vertical round trip when he apparently slipped while stepping back from a Franklin uppercut earlier in the round.

Bobo Caught One

After backing away from Lem's wild lefts and rights for a half minute and coming up at the count of three, the Pittsburgh fighter unleashed his heavy artillery. Breaking from a clinch, Bobo cut loose with his right—then left—for Franklin's first trip to the canvas.

As Franklin regained his feet, the same whirlwind caught him in the head for the second trip down. The third and final barrage caught Lem as he staggered backward toward his corner and rolled him half way out of the ring.

For Bobo, it was his 20th knockout in 33 engagements. He had a 13-pound advantage at 200½ over Franklin and towered 2½ inches over him at 6 feet 4 inches.

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