

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE ASH

IT WON'T BE LONG . . . Bob Kirby, chairman, and James Strickland, vice chairman, of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's Athletic Committee, have mapped out a program of gala pre-game ceremonies when the Indianapolis Indians open the season at Victory Field on the night of April 15, playing the defending champion Kansas City Blues. There will be band music and entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. . . . At 8 o'clock other features are scheduled, such as introduction of the old and new members of the teams, presentation of the business and field managers, flag raising and the first pitch . . . by the honorary battery. . . . Game time will be 8:30 . . . With the Indians northward bound, they are gradually plugging holes and almost every day the outlook brightens for the Hoosier Redskins and their new skipper, Al Lopez. . . . The catching staff has been rounded out, temporarily at least, with one senior and two juniors in the fold. . . . The Tribe also has accumulated five seasons starting pitchers in Bob Malloy, Jim Bagby, Glen Fletcher, Johnny Hutchings and Stan Ferek . . . and with Red Barrett, the veteran relief ace, to back them up. . . . Some of the rookie hurlers, up from the little minors, also show promise, and it's better than even that at least a couple will develop into starters after more receiving training, under fire. . . . The outfit is set but the Tribe officials still are dickering for certain infield talent and one or two additional experienced moundsmen.

PRESENTING THE INDIANS . . . Approximately 150 tickets still are available for the Elks' huge baseball dinner and party to welcome new Tribe Manager Al Lopez, Coach Tony Cucchiella and players . . . The date is Tuesday evening, April 13. . . . Big feed plus entertainment and brief talks by baseball notables. . . . All Indian players will be there. . . . It's an annual event. . . . Tickets are at Bush-Callahan's and the Hotel Antlers.

ALL-TIME GREATS . . . In a Saturday Evening Post article, Babe Ruth picked an all-time all-star team . . . Too modest to put himself in right field, he left the position blank . . . But X marks the spot of old Ruthville . . . Two of his selections, Napoleon Lajoie, second base, and Ray Schalk, catcher, are former Hoosier managers . . . The Babe's pitchers: Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Grover Cleveland Alexander and Herb Pennock. . . . Others: Hal Chase, first base; Jimmy Collins, third; Hans Wagner, shortstop; Ty Cobb, left field, and Tris Speaker, center . . . This corner would make these exceptions: Roger Bresnahan instead of Schalk, George Sisler for Chase, Rube Waddell for Pennock and Joe Jackson for Speaker.

OUT OF TWO SPORTS . . . Don Gallinger, National Hockey League player, also plays baseball. . . . He was due to receive a tryout in the Boston Braves' chain this spring but his hockey troubles led the Braves to cancel him out. . . . Gallinger, a member of the Boston Bruins, was suspended from hockey on charges that he placed bets on games.

HOLD YOUR RAZZBERRIES . . . Who said baseball umpires are men without a country or friends? . . . In South Scranton, Pa., tomorrow, Umpire Pat Padden of the American Association staff will be honored at a testimonial dinner given by diamond boosters in that area. . . . Padden "warmed up" for the American Association's new season by umpiring games in Cuba during the winter. . . . Any umpire willing to "suffer" both summer and winter really earns a testimonial.

BIG LEAGUE DARK-HORSES . . . Mel Ott's New York Giants in the National and Lou Boudreau's Cleveland Indians in the American . . . but darker than dark.

HE KEPT TRYING . . . Boris (Babe) Martin, once voted the American Association's most valuable player, reported to the St. Louis Browns as a promising outfielder several seasons back and failed to make the grade. . . . He went to the Browns again two seasons ago and again was sent back to Toledo. . . . Then somebody talked him into putting on a mask, chest protector and shin guards . . . and now he has a fine chance of sticking with the Boston Red Sox as a receiver. . . . Martin also played a fair game at third base when Toledo was short of infielders.

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Brooklyn, Cleveland Lead In 'Grapefruit League'

Dodgers Gain Victories; American League Club Shown New Respect

Burns Unbeaten but Against Lesser Opposition; Yankees Are Runners-up in Junior Circuit

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (UPI)—Brooklyn and Cleveland ranked as co-leaders of the Grapefruit League today, with the Dodgers gaining all the victories and the Indians all the respect.

As far as hard and cold statistics are concerned, no club can touch Brooklyn's spring record of 14 victories and no defeats.

The only fly in the Dodgers' citrus set-up is that none of the 14 triumphs were accomplished against major league opposition.

Nine victories were achieved at the expense of the Montreal Royals, Brooklyn's International League farm, and the remaining five were against Dominican Republic teams in Ciudad Trujillo.

Cleveland, on the other hand, has won 12 games and lost five—mostly against major league teams—for a .706 percentage which ranks second only to Brooklyn's gaudy 1.000 mark.

The Indians, playing no favorites, won seven games and lost two against National League teams; won three and lost one against American League clubs; won one and lost two to minor league outfits and gained one triumph against Southern California's Trojans.

Yanks Runners-Up

Runner-up to Cleveland in the American League were the New York Yankees with a record of 15 won and eight lost for a .625 percentage. After the Indians and Yankees, the only other junior circuit club with an average of

the records include all spring exhibition games played by major league "A" and "B" teams.

Chiso Infield to Get Shuffle In Lyons' Search for Winner

PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 31 (UPI)—Manager Ted Lyons today planned further juggling of his Chicago White Sox infield in an effort to find a winning combination.

Lyons has decided to turn veteran shortstop Luke Appling into a third-baseman to save the wear-and-tear on his 35-year-old legs. Tony Lupien is set as the first baseman but the second and short

spots are undecided. One key-stone combination has Carl Michaels at second and Floyd Baker at short, while the other has Don Kolloway at second and Jack Wallace at short.

Baker and Michaels played yesterday as the Sox took a 13-7 pounding from the Chicago Cubs. Hal Jeffcoat's four safeties led the Cubs' 17-hit attack as they ended a five-game losing streak and took a 4-2 lead in the intra-city spring series.

VERO BEACH, Fla. — The Brooklyn Dodgers today purchased the contract of Negro catcher Roy Campanella from their Montreal Royals farm team.

At the same time, club president Branch Rickey informed that Negro pitcher Dan Rankin would be farmed out for further training.

The Dodgers split up into two groups today. One group, under manager Leo Durocher, will play three exhibition games here before moving to Ft. Worth, Tex., while the other will go to Mobile, Ala., to open an exhibition swing.

TAMPA, Fla. — The Cincinnati Reds today listed a string of five straight exhibition victories

again in Phoenix, Ariz.

EL CENTRO, Cal.—The National League was given extra warning today about the New York Giants' home run power.

The Giants topped the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday, 6 to 4.

On the strength of a three-run homer by Rookie Bobby Rhawn and thus took a 4-1 lead—*the* series with two games to play.

Ralph Kiner homered for the Pirates. The teams were to meet again today in Phoenix, Ariz.

IHSAA Tourney Records Tumble

Through the innovation of nine auxiliary sectional centers

the 1948 high school basketball tournament set an all time high

for attendance, it was announced

by L. V. Phillips, IHSAA commissioner.

This year's total attendance topped the previous figure, set last year, by 21,539. The record was planned to be broken before the tournament got under way with the new sectional sites.

The double sectional tournaments set up the distribution of the greatest amount of cash ever to roll into the IHSAA coffers. The figure, \$663,051.31, represented an increase of \$28,833 over 1947.

However, the crowd attending the finals in Butler Fieldhouse showed the least increase with only four more spectators with the semi-final and All-States meeting the gale finale. The 1947 final crowd was 28,324.

Participating schools, tournaments, school hosts and the IHSAA benefit correspondingly in the division of the melon. The IHSAA received \$121,107.03, participating schools were parceled \$266,933.88, and host schools divided \$23,271.63.

Pacer Winner In Main Bout

Lefty Pacer, 198, Cleveland, won the main event of last night's wrestling program in the Armory by defeating Farmer Jones, 195, Montgomery County, Arkansas.

Pacer took the first fall in 13 minutes with an airplane spin and press. Jones evened the count with a bear hug, but the Ohioan put on the clincher in 11 minutes of the third try with a surfboard.

Gene Blackley, 198, Thornton, Tex., beat Whitley Wahlberg, 191, Columbus, O., in 19 minutes of the semi-windup, and All Getz, 196, Amarillo, Tex., took Bill Sledge, 195, Waxahachie, Tex., in 20 minutes of the opener.

Meanwhile, the Buffalo Bisons clinched their berth in the Calder Cup's Class "E" series when they won their second game in a row from the New Haven Ramblers, 6 to 2, in their Class "D" two-of-three series. Buffalo will meet the winner of the Class "A" play-offs for the Calder Cup.

Consider U. S. Offer

BELFAST, Ireland, Mar. 31 (UPI)—Rinty Monaghan's manager, Frank McAloran, said today that the world flyweight boxing champion was considering a number of offers to make both ring and theatrical appearances in the United States.

Fight Results

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Austie Fehl, 18, Chicago, stopped Lou Woods, 18, Detroit (7). Fred Patter, 148, Rochester, N. Y., outpointed Al De Cosmo, 142½, Elizabeth, N. J.

NEW YORK (Park Arena)—Joey Caselli, 140, Yonkers, N. Y., outpointed Al De Cosmo, 142½, Elizabeth, N. J.

NEW YORK (Citi. N. J.)—Freddie Patterson, 140, New York, outpointed Alfredo Escobar, 132½, Mexico (10).

POCATELLO, Idaho, Mar. 31 (UPI)—After several months of buying, selling and trading, the eight teams of the Tri-State Pioneer Baseball League this week got down to the spring business of training for the 1948 season which will open April 27.

League Opens Apr. 27

POCATELLO, Idaho, Mar. 31 (UPI)—The Marion County Girls Softball Federation is organizing a girls softball league for the coming season. Interested team managers write or call William Brandt, secretary-treasurer, 1716 Pleasant Run Pkwy., MA-8809.

SCHEDULE—ICE SKATING

WEDNESDAY Afternoon 2:30 to 5 Evening 8 to 10:30

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