

# Tribe Awaits Yankees' Exhibition Game Here Tomorrow



**CRIMSON COACHES WELCOMED**—Indiana University's new football coaching staff was given a rousing reception by the Indianapolis IU Club at the Athletic Club last night. The coaching group talked it over with Athletic Director Paul (Pooch) Harrel (right) before entering the banquet hall. Left to right are Edward G. Wherrett, freshman coach; Don Edmonds, end and wingback coach; Charles McDaniel, line coach; James Freeman, line coach; Owen Cochrane, backfield coach, and Head Coach Clyde B. Smith.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE ASH

**AA HIGH SPOTS**... With the American Association's 47th season getting under way Thursday, some league history is in order... But before turning the pages of history, it's well to point out that all 1948 openers in the eastern section will be played at night... Club owners in the eastern half of the circuit evidently think they have the fix in with the Weatherman... Last day opener in Indianapolis was played in 1942 and Victory Field was packed... But Indianapolis, Louisville, Columbus and Toledo club officials decided that day baseball fans, except for the Sunday customers, are too busy fighting the high cost of living to support weekday afternoon ball games... Now for some AA highlights... Minneapolis never has finished last, the only club boasting that distinction... This also, is an opportune time to repeat that on April 11, 1912, Kansas City and Columbus played an entire game with one ball... That was before baseball fans adopted the practice of snatching and keeping foul balls... On July 13, 1913, Jim Baskette of Toledo pitched a no-hitter game against Minneapolis but lost, 1 to 0, on a walk, sacrifice, stolen base and a scoring fly... Maybe that put the curse on the Mud Hens... They have finished last 10 times... The worst defeat in Association records was suffered by Toledo on May 23, 1944... Milwaukee swamped the Hens, 28 to 0... In 1908, Rube Marquard, Indianapolis southpaw, six consecutive starts chalked up four shutouts.

Three of the games were two-hit affairs, two were three-hitters and one a four-hitter, an average of fewer than three hits a game. Owen J. Bush, president of the current Indianapolis Indians, played the shortfield on that 1908 team.

**THE NO-PUNCH BLUES**... On May 18 and 19, 1932, the Kansas City club went 16½ innings against St. Paul pitching without getting a hit... Bryan Harris didn't give the Blues a hit on May 18... And on the next day Russ Van Atta

was played in Indianapolis but lost, 1 to 0, on a walk, sacrifice, stolen base and a scoring fly... The Indians and the Millers succeeded in defeating the original April game on Aug. 8, Minneapolis winning, 11

**COULDN'T GET HIM OUT**... Charlie Dressen, current New York Yankee coach, played for the St. Paul Saints in 1924... He reached first base 14 times in succession, July 1 to 4, having 11 successive hits, a base on balls, an error and another hit... Joe Mowry of Minneapolis equaled the feat April 25 to 28, 1932, making 12 hits, none in succession, getting on through an error and a base on balls.

**FIFTY-FIFTY**... In a double-header with Kansas City in 1945, Lou Lucifer of Minneapolis got credit for both a victory and a defeat, yet pitched a total of only one and one-third innings.

**SOMETHING ON THE BALL**... In 1911, Marty O'Toole of St. Paul struck out 88 batters in 63 innings, an average of 12.60... In 1915, Dandy Dave Danforth of Louisville struck out 59 men in four consecutive starts, an average of 14.7 per game... Maybe they cheated.

**HE HOUNDED BALL**... Pitcher Amerio Polli of the Milwaukee Brewers had 11 chances in the first nine innings of a 10-inning game on May 4, 1933, but lost credit for a record-breaking fielding performance when the contest went into extra innings.

**Mention of Walcott Erases Louis' Grin**

By OSCAR FRALEY, United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Apr. 13.—His famed dead pan split by a wide grin, Joe Louis was in high spirits as he stood on the chilly after-deck of the mighty Queen Elizabeth while she shouldered her way up the Hudson past the statue of liberty.

Back home again after eight weeks abroad in which he gave exhibitions in London and made a trip to Paris, the champ even was undisturbed by a \$500,000 alienation of affection suit filed against him in Chicago.

"Pure nonsense," he grinned. "My lawyers will take care of that."

But then somebody mentioned Jersey Joe Walcott.

And the smiles disappeared.

"I think I'll catch him this time," Joe grunted, tugging viciously at his jaunty green hat. "I won't name the round, yet, but I'll get him."

"I don't think it will be a hard fight, either," he growled. "The

## Smith 'Whistles' Optimistic Tune

### IU Staff Not Awed By Suicide Schedule

By BOB STRANAHAN

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