

Indians Poised For Drive To Recapture Pennant Pole Spot

Redskins Hope to Snap Back Behind Big Jim

Bagby Slated to Oppose Birds Tonight as Tribe Sets Sights on Overtaking Saints

By EDDIE ASH, Times Sports Editor

The home boys are home again and now they're one game behind the league-leading St. Paul Saints.

That calls for big Jim Bagby to get out there and pitch tonight in the series opener with the Columbus Red Birds at the Victory Field Wigwam.

Winner of five games and losing of only one, the veteran right-hander feels sharp enough to make it six on the right side of the ledger at the expense of Manager Harold Anderson's Flock from the Ohio capital city.

This is the first time the rivals have met this season. Both Indians and Birds have been occupied since opening day, April 15, in engagements with American Association western clubs only.

In 25 games against the westerners, Indianapolis won 16 and lost eight; in 20 games, Columbus broke even at 10 and 10. The Birds bumped into several postponements, the Hoosiers but one.

Figures Favor Tribe
Based on the statistics, therefore, the Indians stack up superior to the pastimers from the Buckeye state. But the guess is that the Birds, like the Indians, will have an "ace" going for them on the mound tonight, Charlie Stanceu or Alex Patterson.

At any rate, without putting out any ballyhoo, Tribe Business Manager Ted Sullivan found himself swamped with ticket orders for tonight's contest and box seats were a scarce article today. The contest is scheduled to get under way at 8:30 p.m.

The Red Birds are scheduled here just for a brief series, two games one tonight, one tomorrow night, after which the Toledo Mud Hens will invade for tilts on Thursday and Friday.

Brief Home Stand

After Friday, the Redskins will take off on another trip, playing in Louisville, Columbus and Toledo. Following this swing through the league's eastern sector, the Indians will return for a long stand on the home grounds, lasting through May 30.

The Indians have been hitting the ball all right and playing well in the field. They have executed the grand and surprising total of 45 double plays in 25 games.

All the Tribesiders need to remain "up there" is more quality pitching depth and Manager Al Lopez thinks this weakness will be plugged ere long.

At a matter of fact, several of the Tribe hurlers are rated better than their records indicate and Lopez believes warm weather will straighten them out. Cold weather in Minneapolis set 'em back, particularly in control.

Faith in Bagby

It could be that a little heat will act as a cure-all. But not or cold. Jim Bagby is expected to start the Indians off on the right foot tonight.

The leading Saints edged Kansas City in St. Paul last night 9 to 8, and gained a half game while the Indians were idle. It was the only AA game played yesterday. Only other tilt scheduled, Milwaukee at Minneapolis, was postponed on account of cold weather.

The league leaders furnished starting hurler Jack Paepke five runs in the first two innings at St. Paul. But he couldn't hold the lead as Kansas City came back to knot the score and drive Paepke out of the box in the first half of the fourth.

The Saints tallied three runs in their turn at bat and the Blues again fought to a tie with two runs in the fifth and 10 in the seventh. Ezra McGlothin, who finished on the mound for St. Paul, earned credit for the win when the Saints scored the odd marker in the ninth.

Kennard Coach Quits

NEW CASTLE, Ind., May 11—Lloyd Hofsieck, coach at Kennard High School for the past two years, has resigned. He will be succeeded by Cleon Ginn, according to Dean Edington, Henry County superintendent of schools. Ginn graduates in June from Ball State Teachers College.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Big Four Legion post Junior baseball team has scheduled a practice session on June 14 at 6 p.m. at Garfield Field, from 10 a.m. and 12 noon. All are welcome.

Dewell News will practice Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Legion Field, No. 1.

All team managers and others interested in Junior Baseball leagues are urged to attend a meeting at the YMCA Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Practice is being made to form leagues in all parks and recreational grounds in the county.

Canterbury Downed By Butler, 15-2

Times Special
DANVILLE, Ind., May 11—Thirty-two players got into the lineup yesterday as Butler's Bulldogs soundly thumped Canterbury here yesterday, 15-2.

Butler rapped four Canterbury pitchers for a total of 13 hits to gain its seventh triumph in 12 starts.

Baseball Standings, Results

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
	W	L	Pct.
St. Paul	17	4	.807
INDIANAPOLIS	16	9	.640
Milwaukee	14	8	.600
Minneapolis	10	10	.500
Columbus	10	10	.500
Kansas City	9	11	.429
Toledo	8	17	.326

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	12	5	.706
Philadelphia	10	7	.588
New York	9	8	.545
Wash.	9	10	.477
St. Louis	6	8	.429
Detroit	7	12	.389
Boston	7	12	.389
Chicago	3	12	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	11	7	.611
New York	11	7	.611
Pittsburgh	9	9	.500
Philadelphia	9	10	.477
Boston	7	10	.477
Cincinnati	7	10	.477
Cincinnati	7	13	.380

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Mowers Quits As Caps Coach

Waivers Asked on Goalie Almas

By BILL EGGETZ

Johnny Mowers could prefix the "ex" to his Indianapolis hockey capacity today with the announcement by the local management that he had resigned as coach of the Capitals.

The announcement was not startling since it was no top-drawer secret that the Detroit Red Wings' management was dissatisfied with the showing of the Caps this past season.

The Caps were western division contenders for a playoff spot during the first half of the season and then faded after the first of the year.

At the same time it has been announced that waivers have been asked in the National Hockey League on Goalie Red Almas, who was with Indianapolis on option from Detroit last season.

Almas, who ranked halfway down the list of goal-tending averages in the American League, showed better ability on the road and since he was on the Detroit reserve list last season Red Wing officials believe Red may land a job with a National League club. He played in 65 games and allowed 246 goals for an average of 3.78.

Veteran Is Sought

Mowers' stay here has been nipped after one year. Dick Miller, Caps' general manager, has said that a coach with National League coaching experience is in line for the job here.

The wanted man must be able to handle young hockey players and develop talent, a high priority mission that misfired last season.

It is hoped that the new coach can be signed to a two-year contract. He'll be someone outside the Detroit organization, which relegates any possibility of Mud Bruneteau moving up from the circuit. They were Sheboygan, Tri-Cities, Anderson, Flint, Mich., Chicago, Syracuse and Toledo.

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The Chicago franchise was granted to Edward McNulty yesterday and six other cities also have applied for entry. They have applied for entry. The circuit, held its own draft meeting and adjourned. Earlier Maurice Podoloff, organizer of the circuit, was re-elected president for two years.

Lambert Resigns

Two other resignations from the National League also were accepted. The circuit approved the resignations of Commissioner Ward (Piggy) Lambert, effective

June 1.

The 48th National Open

NEW YORK, May 11 (UP)—A possible record field of entries for the National Open Golf Tournament at Los Angeles was foreseen today by Joe Dey, secretary of the U. S. Golf Association.

The record, set in 1937, is 1402 entries.

"More than 450 golfers have entered so far," Dey said, "and we expect more than that number to come in on the last two days before the deadline May 17."

Sectional qualifying will start May 23 at Honolulu to be followed up with the Los Angeles section, May 27-28 and 27 others starting June 1.

The 48th National Open will start June 10.

State Links Trials Set Here for June 27

Indiana sectional qualifying trials for the 1948 national public links golf championship will be held here over the Coffin course and at South Bend on the Burke Links June 27. The record, set in 1937, is 1402 entries.

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Lohrke, one of the shiest players on the club, has chased all competitors from third base in his second year with the club. There's no particular secret, to his success unless it might be his extraordinary throwing prowess or his inclination to hustle every second he's got a baseball uniform on.

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Has More Confidence

Although not a particularly robust hitter, the young Californian blasted 11 homers in his rookie season with the Giants last year.

The most important difference between the 1947 edition of Lohrke and the current one is, according to him, confidence.

"A year and a half up here, you get a little more confidence," he said. "I'm much more confident now than I was a year ago although I'll admit I still have plenty to learn."

Maybe, as he says, Lohrke's confidence is shaken occasionally, but you'd never know it by the frequency with which he shakes loose those trolley-wire uniforms.

Hitters Are Hammering At Ruth's Record Again

Historic Mark of 60 Homers Likely to Fall If Things Keep Going as They Have to Date

By CARL LUNDQUIST, United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 11—Things don't always come off as advertised, but it is quite possible that the home run smash in the big series starting today between Cleveland and Yankees will be terrific even in the house that Babe Ruth built.

The Babe, it seems, doesn't have the exclusive patent on home runs any more. And if things keep going as they have to date, it could be that his historic mark.

Major Leaders

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Zarilla, St. Louis 14 6 4 2 .441

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