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# Smooth Sailing Tribe Scalps Minneapolis

## Indians Only 1 Game Out of First Place

By EDDIE ASH, Times Sports Editor

Smooth sailing for the home boys. The Indians won last night while St. Paul lost and now the Indians are but one game behind the leading Saints.

The Redskins returned to their Victory Field wigwam and scalped the Minneapolis Millers, 9 to 2, and the American Association's pacesetting Saints invaded Columbus and got clipped by the soaring Red Birds.

Following their 1948 pattern, the Tribesmen were hotter than a firecracker on their home grounds and powdered the horsehide-for 12 hits, and with pitcher Cal McLean getting two of the dozen. He also batted in a run and scored two.

It will be the Millers again to-night at Victory Field and Bob Malloy is the probable Tribe pitcher.

It Won't Be Long

The Indians' mound staff is surprised if the home boys are back in first place after this week-end's hostilities around the league.

The Indians didn't get any extra-base hits last night but they made everything count and the Millers, who committed five errors, looked as though they didn't belong in the same league.

The ladies' night contest was played before a happy crowd of 12,243. Some crowd. The paid attendance was 7877 and there were 4365 feminine fans on hand. Also, the bleachers were filled just about to capacity.

And the more than 12,000 multi-seat kept calm with Calvo Coolidge McLean. He held the "former" Milling Millers to five hits, fanned five.

Just a Breeze

The game started out as an even affair and it was 2 and 2 after three innings. But in the fourth, the Indians went on the warpath and scored five runs. After that round, it was just a breeze.

Lonnie Frey, just recently down from the big show, tried to play second base for the Millers, and he made three errors. It was his first game under the lights this year and the veteran was more or less lost out there.

The Millers were further hurt by the absence of their "punch," Babe Barna, who is on the hospital list with a fractured wrist.

But that as it may, the Indians were alert and full of dash and pepper. They took advantage of every break in their favor and made the Millers look like a class B outfit.

The defeat dropped the slumping Minneapolis boys out of the league's first division and shoved them into fifth place as Columbus rocketed from fifth to third, passing both Minneapolis and Millwaukee.

Fischer Batted Out

Rube Fischer, who started on the Minneapolis mound, was batted out in the fourth stanza and Bill Ayres took over the top for the visitors.

Aries was a great improvement and held the peppery Tribesmen at bay until the eighth when they splurged for two more runs. The Indians were in fine fettle after coming in off the road and they played errorless ball all field and made one double play. No. 54 in 56 games.

The Indians uncorked too much speed for the Millers to handle and several of their hits were of the infield variety. But it was all-right-with the fans—get on base and get around.

Blue Here Tomorrow

This is an abbreviated series of two games and tonight's contest will be No. 2 and the finale. The Kansas City Blues will move in tomorrow for an afternoon double-header and a single tilt Monday.

Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast League.

Nagy, hampered by a sore arm, did not accompany the Indians on their recent eastern trip. Halliett is slated to pitch one of tomorrow's bargain attractions.

Both Frank Kuhn and Jack Cassini, on the Tribe injured list, were hobbling around at the park last night, but not in uniform.

With two new pitchers standing in the wings, Messrs. Jack Halliett and Jim Walsh, Tribe Manager AT Lopez announced that pitcher Steve Nagy, south paw, has been released to the park.

AYRES TODAY IN TONITE

IN. — Alexander Knezevich, Jim Artrip, Eddie Cestello, and Artie Gandy.

FROM CASTLETT, short subjects thru Tuesday.

—Merle Oberon, "The Song," Patric Knowles, "Ivy."

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