

Chips Are Down As Tribe Battles Saints

Mel Queen to Work Out of Turn Tonight; Bucs May Raid Club

Pirates Have 'Conceded' but Want Walsh;
Indians Look Bad in Losing, 7-0, to Brewers

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All roads lead to Victory Field.

This is the series the fans have been waiting for. Indianapolis vs. St. Paul, tonight, tomorrow and Thursday.

The Indians are out in front in the league race by two and a half games—over the runner-up Saints. Looks like a battle, boys.

In the series opener to-night, Tribe Manager Al Lopez has slated Mel Queen to go to the "post." The veteran righthander worked Saturday but is willing to accept the assignment despite the fact he has had only a rest of two days.

Mel has defeated the Apostles before and feels capable of turning the trick again.

Another 'Crucial' It's a crucial series, no doubt about it. The Saints could dislodge the Redskins from first place and take over by sweeping the three-game set.

On the other hand, if the Tribebers can crush the St. Paul pastimers they will put themselves in a strong position to repeat as pennant winners.

But to achieve pennant prestige, the Indians will have to show more class than they exhibited against the Milwaukee Brewers in the Victory Field open air emporium last night.

All the Brewers did to the Hoosier Redskins was to present them with nine large goose eggs. The score was 7 to 0. Hard to take, although the Tribebers won three out of five in the series.

Yale Man Does It

It was the second time the Brewers blanked the Indians this season. Jim Prendergast, no longer with Milwaukee, did it the first time, and Dick Manville, a former Yale University athlete, horse collared them last night.

But tonight is Murat Shrine Night at the Tribe orchard and the Redskins are a cinch to be keyed up to come through with a win.

The Shriners will put on a complete show on the greenway starting at 7:30. Harry Geisel, chairman of the arrangements committee, said the Red Hats will throw everything in the book into the pre-game program to give the fans well-rounded entertainment before the teams take the field at 8:15.

Weak in Left Field

Unfortunately, however, the Indians are not in 100 per cent physical condition to take on the challenging Saints. They are crippled definitely in left field.

All three left fielders are disabled: Frank Katin, Dominic Dallemandro and Roy Weatherly. That one position may cost the Indians the pennant. Nanny Fernandez, third-sacker, switches to that post in a pinch, but he's an infelder by trade and does not have that outfield know-how on difficult chances.

Earlier in the season the parent Pittsburgh Pirates snatched Left Fielder Culley from Al. Rikard to the Indians to use in a Coast League deal for themselves. Rikard was a "sweet" left fielder in the American Association. And the Indians didn't improve themselves in the long run. They're still "sunk."

Lopez to Pirates?

Also, Pirate Manager Bill Meyer has given up on his own team. In an interview in the East the other day, he "conceded" the National League pennant to the Brooklyn Dodgers. And in July, mind you, so long, Bill.

Look for Indianapolis Manager Al Lopez to be the next Pittsburgh manager and with Tony Cuccinello as his No. 1 coach. Tony was a visitor at Victory Field last night. He's now with the Cincinnati Reds, who had an open date yesterday.

When the Pirates were in Indianapolis for an exhibition tilt on July 5 they said they probably would snatch Pitcher Jim Wain from the Indians "in about a month."

Don't Look Now

The "month" is almost up and the Tribe management fears that "it's going to happen." The Pirates were skunked by the Brooklyn Dodgers last night, 9 to 0, and the Pittsburgh newspapers are howling for "reinforcements" from their Indianapolis triple-A farm.

Getting back to last night's attraction at Victory Field, the league-leading Indians played like a second-division club. They made five errors and their pitching was not up to caliber.

Chet Johnson, southpaw, was shelled out of the box in the sixth after giving up 10 hits and three runs. Chet put another "oddity" in the book. He fanned seven in his brief performance but folded in the fourth, fifth and sixth.

Conaster Belts Homer

In the fourth, the Brewers solved him for a single and a double for a run, and in the fifth the visitors got a walk, a two-run homer over the scoreboard by Clint Conaster, a double and a single.

In the sixth, Johnson was rapped for three consecutive singles with none out and was replaced by Forrest Main.

Main went in with the bases loaded and none out and got out of the hole by a line-drive double play and a strikeout, with no scoring.

The Brewers got to Main for two hits and a run in the seventh and he stepped out for a pinch hit. Clyde Shoun took over the Tribe mound till the eighth and the visitors got three more runs in the ninth on one hit (a double), three errors and a walk.

Manville, a righthander, stacked up seven strikeouts on the Tribebers as he achieved his shutout.

Tribe Box Score

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Alford, 3b	5	1	2	0	0	0
Gleason, 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0
Burns, rf	5	0	3	0	0	0
Conaster, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Moore, lf	5	2	1	0	0	0
Phillips, 3b	5	1	2	0	0	0
Lakeman, 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0
Burris, c	5	1	4	0	0	0
Loft, ss	5	2	3	0	0	0
Shanahan, p	5	1	2	1	0	0
Totals	43	7	14	27	10	0

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Beard, rf	5	0	1	0	0	0
Conaster, 2b	3	0	3	1	0	0
Fernandez, 3b	3	0	3	0	0	0
Fleming, 1b	3	0	3	0	0	0
Scalo, cf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Peters, 3b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Conway, ss	4	0	0	3	0	0
Kluitz, c	4	0	3	1	2	0
Manville, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gans, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Lint, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoun, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Turner, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0
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