

Caps Move To Buffalo After Winning Opener At Cincinnati



There was plenty of whooping and hollering on the special train carrying 300 local fans to last night's hockey opener in Cincinnati. The group was headed by Mayor Al Feeney, Chief of Police Edward D. Roush and Fire Chief Roscoe A. McKinney.

Scrappy Sextet Sets Down New League Entry, 3-0

By BILL EGGER, Times Sports Writer
CINCINNATI, Oct. 12.—The Indianapolis Caps had something to cheer about today—a 3-to-0 shutout over Cincinnati—as they moved on to Buffalo for their second American Hockey League game tonight.

Outscoring the new entry in the league last night, the Caps racked up their shutout with a great piece of defensive work in this city's new Garden before 8000 fans, including 300 from Indianapolis.

Terry Sawchuk, Indianapolis netminder, had only 19 saves for the 60 minutes but his play was no more brilliant than that of Gerry McNeil, Cincinnati goalie, who had to bat out 39 saves, 16 in the first period.

Standoff in First
It was a standoff during the first 20 minutes and halfway through the second before Center Don Morrison slapped in his own rebound for an unassisted goal at 8:31.

Baldy MacKay and Pat Lundy worked precisely with some fancy teamwork in the final period with Lundy on the scoring end at 14:27. Then MacKay completed the Hoosiers' scoring at 18:08 shooting in from the left side on a set up shot by Gerry Reid.

The 39 saves McNeil had for Cincinnati was indicative of the offensive thrust the Caps threw at the Queen City skaters.

The 23-year-old goalie, playing his first pro game, was 80 per cent of his team's defense and did a remarkable job on screen shots. Sawchuk at times went five minutes without a save as the defensive teamwork of Benny Wolt, Joe Lund, Max Quackenbush, Clare Raglan and Al Dewsbury came up with excellent board-checking.

Only Eight Penalties
Only eight penalties were called by the officials, four against each squad. The game was 34 seconds old when Defenseman Dewsbury of Indianapolis and Cincinnati's badman Eddie Bush were whistled off for charging.

MacKay, who shows signs of being more aggressive than last season, got himself embroiled in a fist fight with Alex Ritson in the second period and Ritson came out the loser; a cut lip in the final period. Wolt was called for elbowing.

The defeat was rough for Cincinnati fans who are learning the game. Their squad showed no oomph up front. On the other hand, Indianapolis kept the fans "amused" with fast breaks and solid body checking.

Marty Pavelich, a left winger who spent last season with Detroit, will be a valuable asset to the Caps until his recall, if it is made. He showed more scrap and speed last night than any other Cap player.

The game is so new to Cincinnati that Indianapolis men had to man the scoreboard and do the public announcing. Harry Gould and Charles Boring helped with the official scoring and Lou Spivey interpreted rules.

After the Caps' game tonight in Buffalo they will move on to Springfield for a game there Saturday night. They will return to Indianapolis next week for workouts prior to the home opener, Oct. 20, against Cincinnati.

Flyers Defeat Pittsburgh, 3-2

By United Press
The St. Louis Flyers, winners of last season's divisional championship by one point over Indianapolis, opened their new hockey season last night with a 3-to-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Hornets.

Cliff Simpson, Fern Gauthier and Ed Nicholson—all of whom were obtained from Indianapolis in an off-season deal—led the Flyers to victory on their home ice. Simpson rapped in two goals. Nicholson got the other, and Gauthier assisted on all three.

Pittsburgh, trailing 3 to 0 at the start of the third period, gave the Flyers a good scare as Andy Barbe, a rookie from the Pacific Coast League, went in for one goal and Bill Benson slipped in another.

In another opening game at Hershey, the home town Bears whipped the Springfield Indians, 5 to 3 before 4000 fans.

Hockey Tonight

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
INDIANAPOLIS at Buffalo.
New York at Springfield.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Boston at Detroit.

Crowe's Team In Tough Spot

Must Meet Mighty Forty-Niners Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (UP)—A fellow with a family of 10 children draws the toughest assignment possible in the world of football here Sunday when Clem Crowe, the new Buffalo Bills coach, sends his team against the San Francisco Forty-Niners.

Crowe, former Notre Dame line star, has had a steady job as line coach of the Bills for years. In taking over as head coach of the club after Red Dawson was released, he drew the rugged Forty-Niners, leaders of the All-American Conference, as his first foe.

Buffalo has won a single game this year—and that victory handed the San Francisco club its only defeat. So Coach Buck Shaw and his boys are talking of nothing but revenge.

After the Forty-Niners beat Cleveland Sunday before 60,000 fans, there were line-ups three blocks long at the reservation boxes to get to see the Buffalo game.

Amateur Baseball Banquet Floods Oilers With Praise

City League Teams Officially End Season as Winners Receive Trophies

By JIM HEYROCK

The ring of flowery tributes paid last night by Indianapolis baseball men and executives of the Amateur Baseball Association still rang today in the ears of the championship Capitol Oil team.

But the "most picked on" honor went to Jim (Hump) Pierce, trainer of the Indianapolis Indians, at whom each speaker took a good natured jab as the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association officially closed its season last night with a banquet in Buckley's Restaurant at Cumberland.

Hump, the hard-boiled trainer, who at one time or another has plastered adhesive tape on most of the athletes present at the dinner, became the "goat" of the evening at the very beginning when Ted Sullivan, business manager of the Indians, was called upon to speak.

But, recalling the final days of the Indians' pennant race and the latter days of the playoff series, from which the Indians emerged victorious, Sullivan pointed out, "It never could have been done if Hump hadn't been there to tape the boys together."

Sullivan congratulated the Capitol Oil nine for winning the City Series but was equally eloquent in his praise for the DeWolf News team for being runner-up.

Introduced by out-going president Virgil Perkins, City Councilman Joseph Wicker acted as toastmaster for the event and highlighted his stint with numerous baseball stories.

Hump Pierce added his congratulations to the winning team.

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Joe Williams Says—Red Blaik Shuns Crying Towel

Victory Over Michigan Wasn't Total Surprise to Army Coach

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—It is not my idea to try to sell you Earl (Red) Blaik as an incurable optimist—like a hole-in-one, a National League roofer or a four-horse parlay player, but I do believe the gentleman makes less use of the lachryminal linen and the fable of the big bad bear than do most of his coachy brothers.

I've yet to hear the Army head man make a preposterous statement with respect to the outcome of a game involving his young charges. When he fears it is with reason and logic—and usually he loses. When the prospects are bright he succumbs shamelessly to optimism but sensibly recalls Bob Zuppke's classic note of warning: "A football can take crazy bounces."

I must doubt that the result of the recent Army-Michigan game—which has been described as a cataclysmic upset—came to him as a stunning surprise. On the contrary, I rather believe he fully expected to win, granted that luck in the form of the breaks and a minimum of physical handicaps came his way.

ARMY HAD lost some fine material, including Bobby Jack Stuart, leading scorer and ground gainer last year, and Captain Bill Yeoman, a notably fine center. Their departure did not seem to worry Blaik. It was the losses from the defensive unit that had

him worried. Fellows like Joe Henry, John Shelley, Martin Howell and Sal Pastuca. "Our attacking team will be all right," Blaik insisted. "What we've got to do is to build a defensive team with matching talents."

Thus, Blaik was admitting, without qualification whatsoever, that his attack was as forceful if not more so than Michigan's. He went further: "I think our Arnold Galiffa has it in him to be the best quarterback in the country this year."

The Cadets' opening game was what is known in the trade as a rabbit hunt, or formalized scrimmage. Penn State, the following Saturday, led the Cadets at the half 7-0 with Army trying futilely—and foolishly—to batter a nine-man line. But in the second half the Cadets found themselves, after an interim briefing by the team of touchdowns, and rolled on to a 42-7 final.

THE CADETS were now ready for the colossus of the Middle West, unbeaten Michigan, the nation's No. 1 team, coached by Benny Oosterbaan, Scripps-Howard, 1948 Coach of the Year. The score was Army 21, Michigan 7, figures which were complimentary both to the offensive and the defensive unit. The impressive labors of the sophomores on defense were particularly pleasing to Blaik.

A noteworthy item in connection with the Cadets' win was the

Honor Indians At Athenaeum

The Athenaeum Turners will honor players and officials of the Indianapolis Indians and former Indians with a baseball dinner tomorrow at 6:30 p. m.

Harry Geisel will serve as toastmaster. Mayor Al Feeney and Governor Henry Schricker have been invited to attend.

The Athenaeum membership has been invited to bring their sons and daughters. Tribe players Royce Lint, who pitched two victories in the Little World Series; Johnny Hutchings, Ted Beard and Tom Saffell are expected to be on hand. Saffell graduated from the Indians to the Pirates in mid-season.

Former Indians invited are Bob Logan and Johnny Riddle. Ted Sullivan, Tribe business manager; Luke Walton, Radio Station WIBC, and Fire Chief Roscoe McKinney also will be among the guests.

Boxer's Death Under Inquiry

All Parties Called In Bussey Fatality

DETROIT, Oct. 12 (UP)—Authorities began a "thorough investigation" today into the death of lightweight boxer Talmadge Bussey, 26, who never regained consciousness after a furious ring battle with Chicagoan Luther Rawlings.

Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien summoned "all concerned" to a conference to discuss the death of the Negro battler who once fought and lost to champion Ike Williams.

A similar hearing by the Michigan Boxing Commission disclosed "no negligence on anyone's part in connection with the tragedy," Commissioner Floyd Stevens said.

Referee Stopped Bout
Bussey died yesterday, 13 hours after he had fallen beneath a barrage of blows from Rawlings, himself so stunned that he was unable to remember events after the sixth round of the fight.

Doctors said the cause of the popular young fighter's death was a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Referee Herman Spiehl stopped the fight in the ninth round and the awarded Rawlings a TKO. Doctors were unable to revive Bussey and a brain operation to remove a blood clot failed to save his life.

Bucs Assure Lopez They'll Keep Indians Well Stocked

That's the Way Cards Read; Frank Kalin Says He's in Mood to Retire

By EDDIE ASH, Times Sports Editor

The fact that Al Lopez has given definite assurance that he will be back at the helm of the Indianapolis Indians next year evidently means that the parent Pittsburgh Pirates have convinced the Senator that his baseball future will be best served by remaining in their organization.

It also could mean that the Pittsburgh directors have "guaranteed," to the best of their ability at this time, to give Lopez the necessary player talent to furnish Indianapolis with another pennant contender in 1950.

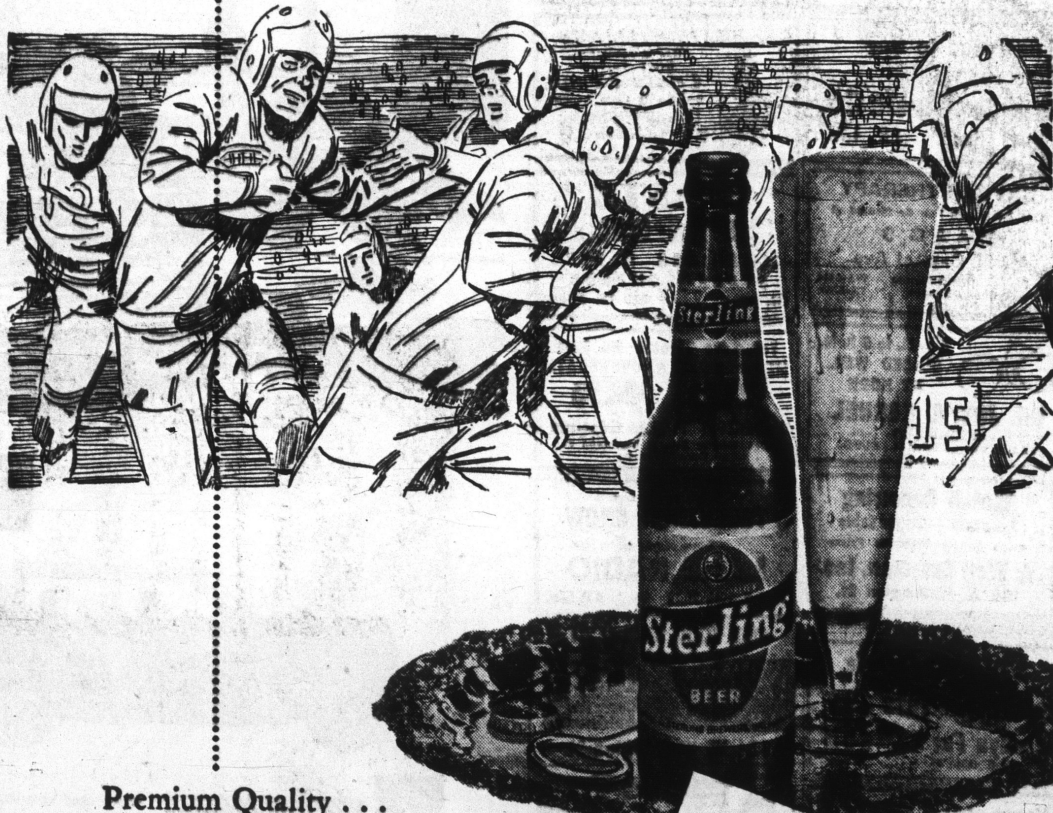
Sought by Majors
The Senator is not built to stand up under the grief and strain of managing a losing club. "It's a winner or else," in his life. Although Al's contract binds him to manage the Tribe roster as one more season, it is believed he's already turned down chances to go to one or more major league clubs.

Tribe President Owen J. Bush has said repeatedly that he would not hold Lopez to the Indianapolis contract, "if Al ever receives an offer from a top flight big league team."

Season Never Ends
But take it or leave it, the baseball cards read that the Pittsburgh organization wants Al to be available to take over the Pirates just in case anything should happen to Bill Meyer, the current field chieftain of the Bucs.

The baseball season never ends in Indianapolis. The Indians just different minor league.

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than an average-sized
grapefruit.