

Ripple Faces Washington, Irish Meet Blue Devils

All-Stars to Meet Ohio Team in Semi-Pro Grid Opener at Speedrome

Locals, Operating Under Tryon Banner, Hope for League Status Next Year

Semi-pro football which has growing pains and hopes eventually to have complete professional status here, will get underway Sunday at the Indianapolis Speedrome, Kitley Ave. and U. S. Road 52.

Joe Tryon, West Side sports baseball, basketball and bowling teams, has purchased the former benefactor who has supported Indianapolis All-Stars football club under the new banner—Tryon's All-Stars.

The All-Stars, comprised of former high school and college players, will meet the Miami-Burg, O. Vets at 2 p. m. A preliminary game, starting at 12:30 p. m. will feature two local PAL clubs.

The All-Stars game will be televised, beginning at 1:45 p. m., over WFBM-TV.

The All-Stars have scheduled eight home games this season. If attendance is reasonable, Tryon will exercise an option next year to enter the Central States Professional Football League.

Ronald Dodds, former Butler player, is head coach of the All-Stars and is being assisted by Ott Hurle, former Cathedral, Purdue and Butler center. Jerry York is the club's general manager.

The probable starting eleven for the opening game will be John Turner (Hanover) and Knute Dobkins (Butler), ends; Jack (Hippo) Haines (Tech) and Joe Haboush (Washington), tackles; Joe Gatto (Butler) and Bill Hayes (Michigan State), guards; Otto Rogers (Washington), center; Kenny Smock (Purdue and Butler) and Les Esary (Butler), halfbacks; Jim McLinn (Cathedral), quarterback, and to.

Split Two Games

Broad Ripple and Howe divided freshman and reserve football victories yesterday, the Ripple freshmen winning, 13 to 12, and the Howe reserves winning, 21.

It Looks Like a Pennant



Judging from this photo, prospects for next year's Indianapolis Indians are great. Frank McKinney, president of the Pittsburgh Pirates and vice president of the Indians (left), and Tribe Business Manager Ted Sullivan caught by the cameraman at last night's Athenaeum banquet.

Pirates' Official Promises Outstanding '50 Tribe Team

By JIM HEYROCK

Indianapolis will have an outstanding baseball team next year. This statement came from the man who should know best and was heard by some 200 men, women and children last night at the Athenaeum Turners' banquet honoring the Indianapolis Indians.

Frank McKinney, president and vice president of the Indians, gave the Athenaeum members and their families a logical "blow-by-blow" explanation of why baseball players can't remain indefinitely in Indianapolis and why the Indians will be "outstanding" next season.

The baseball mogul and one of Indianapolis' favorite sons ex- plained that the Indians are in a chain baseball setup where it has become necessary for an organization such as the parent Pittsburgh Pirates to raise its major leaguers "from the cradle."

As a prime example, McKinney said Tom Saffell, who was taken to Pittsburgh from Indianapolis the past mid-season.

"No body," said McKinney, "wants to keep a ball player from going to the major leagues."

Saffell, who has returned to Indianapolis for the winter, won himself a permanent outfield berth for next season with the Pirates. This was confirmed by McKinney.

The Pirates' prey pointed out the grand-slam homer clouted by Saffell during the closing days of the National League pennant race. Saffell's homer, McKinney said, knocked the St. Louis Cardinals into second place and probably lost the pennant for them.

The Pittsburgh organization, he added, now has 320 boys under contract. And when one player makes the majors, there are 519 trying to take his place with Indianapolis.

"The team will have to have eight or nine veterans," McKinney pointed out, "and one thing you fans can be assured of, Johnny Hutchings will be back with Indianapolis."

Left After Final Out

Because most of the players left Indianapolis with the final out of the Little World Series, only two players—Royce Lint and Hutchings—were present, along with Saffell.

But the lack of players didn't mar the festivities. Harry Geisel, former major league umpire, acted as master of ceremonies after being introduced by Dr. Carl B. Sputh, president of the Turners.

Mayor Al Feeney, who was to have been one of the guests at the dinner, was unable to attend due to the illness of his sister in Detroit.

Also present were Ted Sullivan, business manager of the Indians, trainer Jim Pierce and members of the press and radio.

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Olympians Set For Opener; 11 Players Signed

Official Pro Debut Due Here Tuesday; 2 Exhibitions Slated

With 11 players signed and another ready to put his signature on a contract, the Indianapolis Olympians today appeared ready to enter the 1949-50 professional football warfare.

Player-coach Cliff Barker announced today the roster was set. The Olympians are going through daily drills in Butler Fieldhouse in preparation for their official pro debut on the local court Tuesday.

But the squad moves into its first exhibition tilt against Anderson at Muncie tomorrow night. They go to Ft. Wayne Monday night and then come home for their first Indianapolis appearance Tuesday against Anderson.

The first five, as the squad stacks up at the present time, will consist of the former University of Kentucky players, Alex Groza, Ralph Beard, Wallace Jones, Barker and Joe Holland.

Mann Expected to Sign

In reserve, the Olympians have Carl Shaeffer, Bruce Hale, Malcolm McMullen, Marshall Hawkins, Floyd Voelker and Bob Evans. The 12th man, Roy Mann, former Western Kentucky star, is expected to sign soon.

Other players who have been working out with the Olympians, including Fritz Nagy, former member of the now-defunct Indianapolis Jerts, were not mentioned by Barker as he went over the list of players.

According to league rules, the Olympians can carry a squad of 12 players until Dec. 1. Then, the squad must be trimmed to 11, with only 10 being permitted to dress for games.

The Olympians also must sandwich in the charity game in Chicago Oct. 26 against the Indianapolis Lakers, defending National Basketball Association champions. The game will be played in Chicago stadium.

It will give the young Olympians an opportunity to test their wares against the top pros.

Only the Kentucky boys will be included and they will again be under the direction of their old coach, Adolph Rupp, playing at the College Stars. — J. H.

Two for Shortridge

Bob Bruce and Windsor Waittes scored touchdowns yesterday as Shortridge High School's reserve team defeated Ben Davis reserves, 12 to 7. Shortridge's freshman eleven shut out the Dear School's first-year club, 13 to 0.

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ACROSS FROM 500-MILE TRACK

Tech Plays Host To Kokomo Wildcats In Conference Test

Cathedral-Shortridge Tilt Scheduled Tonight at 16th Street CYO Stadium

By JIMMIE ANGELOPOLOUS

Broad Ripple's defending city champions and Shortridge's strong contenders will battle once-beaten Washington and unbeaten Cathedral, respectively, in the city series' headliners of a nine-game local prep grid card tonight.

The Rockets, 10-0 winners over Howe in their season opener, entertain a dangerous Washington eleven and the stalemate and victory in two games, at the CYO Field.

Ranked behind this pair of top-class teams is Tech's North Central Conference acid test at home with Kokomo's Wildcats and the Manual-Southport border incident on the south side at Roosevelt Stadium in Southport.

Lawrence Central's Bears, boasting a 5-0 slate, take on Warren Central in a rival headliner for the county constituents and Pike Township goes to Beech Grove in another area battle.

A city league game between Crispus Attucks and Sacred Heart starts the two-game card ticketed for tomorrow night. The Tigers battle the Spartans at the CYO Hall, each seeking their first city triumph. Howe's big Hornets face Ben Davis, winners of the last two games, at Tech tomorrow night.

Deacon Host to Greenwood