

"PLAY BALL" THE NEXT POPULAR CRY

Indiana-Ohio League Season
Opens Tuesday at Huntington and Van Wert.

JESSUP IS CONFIDENT.

THINKS HIS COLTS ARE ABOUT THE BEST IN THE ENTIRE CIRCUIT—PITCHING STAFF IS A STRONG ONE.

(By Tort.)

Tuesday the L. O. league "umps" will bawl out "play b-a-a-l" and the season of 1908 will be on. Richmond will open at Van Wert for a three games series while Muncie will open at Huntington. The schedule calls for Muncie to open at home, but owing to the fact that the grounds at Croley park are not yet ready for use the Huntington-Muncie games for May 5, 6 and 7, have been transferred to Huntington.

Van Wert is making big preparations for the opening game and it is expected that the largest crowd that ever attended a game in hat city will be out Tuesday to witness the Quakers and the Buckeyes give battle.

There will be an automobile parade to the grounds. While the teams are warming up, a brass band will tear off a few selections then when the "umps" gives the signal, the mayor of the city will heave the first ball over or in the direction of the plate. Mr. Shinn is expected to strike wildly at this ball and miss it a foot. Brown is the farthest advanced of the local pitching staff and Manager Jessup will probably select him to pitch Tuesday. Brown will be opposed either by Manager Hunt or Wagner, who is in grand form, having had the advantage of working out this spring in the south.

Both the Richmond and Van Wert teams have suffered from lack of practice the past week owing to the cold, rainy weather but this, it is thought, will not be a very great handicap.

"I am well pleased with the team we now have," states Manager Jessup, "and I fail to see where any other team in the league has anything on us. In Brown, Mason, Fleming, Armstrong and Conner I have a pitching staff which I am confident is the best in the league. Now take the infield. Can any team show a better quartet than Burns, Parker, Bambrough and Baumann? The outfield, which at first looked weak, now shows up with the best. Hurst, Cameron and Shinn will make them all hustle." Manager Jessup will do the bulk of the catching and it is well known that he has it on any other backstop in the league. The two teams will probably lineup as follows:

Richmond..... Van Wert
Burns..... First Base Carmody
Parker..... Second Base Gregory
Bambrough..... Third Base Conklin
Baumann..... Short Stop Stewart
Shinn..... Left Field Gray
Hurst..... Center Field Durham
Cameron..... Right Field Bambrough
Jessup..... Catcher Harden
Brown..... Pitcher Hunt
Fleming..... Pitcher Wagner

HUNTINGTON IS READY.

League Season to Be Given Auspicious Opening.

Huntington, Ind., May 2.—Secretary Carl Willis of the Huntington baseball association announced today that extensive preparations are under way to give the L. O. baseball season in Huntington an auspicious opening when Muncie appears in this city Tuesday next. A city band will be engaged to head a procession of the Huntington and Muncie teams, league and association officials, city officials and members of the proposed Huntington Rooter club. The line of march has not yet been decided upon, but it will include most of the main downtown streets. At league park, Mayor D. C. Anderson will be invited to attempt to twirl the first ball somewhere near the home plate. Members of the Huntington ball team will be presented in person before the fans for the identification of those who are not already acquainted with the local warriors on Manager Jack Smith's tribe of Miamis.

It is probable that the two teams will lineup as follows:

Huntington..... Muncie
Kendall..... First Base Wills
Strands..... Second Base Zellers
Witham..... Third Base Wise
Bergwald..... Short Stop Foster
Smith..... Left Field Gillis
Donovan..... Center Field Hall
Valanti..... Right Field Farman
Rader..... Catcher Wolfe
Wentz..... Pitcher Hay
Goshorn..... Pitcher Biltz
Prough..... Pitcher Dix

A Noisy Operation.

A noted English suffragist was describing at a dinner a very disorderly suffragette meeting. "The noise," she said, "can only be likened to the hub bub that I once heard coming from the nursery of a friend with whom I was taking tea. Terrified by this infernal tumult, my friend and I burst into the nursery breathless. The children, in a close group by the window, the baby in the middle, looked up

"What on earth are you doing?" the mother demanded.

"We've found," said the oldest boy, "poor grandma's teeth, and we're filling them down and fitting them on the police."

Affairs of the Sporting World

(By Tort.)

Well, everything is ready for the big league opening. Our pets play three days at Van Wert, then open here next Friday with Muncie for three games. Rah, rah, rah.

This afternoon the locals will give battle to the Dayton Shillots at Athletic park. Jim Cameron will play his first game with the locals.

The city league was to have opened yesterday, but both games were postponed on account of cold weather. Easthaven was to have played the Hoosier Drills, while the Kibbles and the Starr Pianos were to have locked doors.

Earlham took the Miami tennis players yesterday both in the singles and in the doubles. In the singles Beebe, of Earlham, defeated Anthony, of Miami. In the doubles Campbell and Hollingsworth, Earlham, defeated Anthony and Robinson, Miami.

This afternoon the X Y Z team will play the fast Boston team on the latter's grounds.

A mouse took possession of the grand stand at Reid field yesterday afternoon during the track meet, and for about five minutes the proceedings were interrupted by the shrieks of the fair co-eds, who were about to stampede, when a small boy captured the pesky intruder.

Pitcher Kroh, who is working for Ed Ashbacker at Johnstown in the Tri-State league, shut out Wilmington without a hit Friday. He also retired thirteen batsmen on strikes. Kroh is a southpaw, six feet tall.

Pitcher Flinney, over whom Brooklyn has had so much trouble, has been drafted by Rochester from the club to which the national commission sent him. That ends the Superbas' claim on the twirler for the time being.

James J. Jeffries is said to weigh just 230 pounds now, without training. As long as Jim is determined to keep out of the fighting game, his weight is of no more interest to the ring followers than that of President Roosevelt, who is said to hover lightly about the 230 mark.

Assessors of Richmond fans about ante-season league games are not countenanced in Huntington. Practice games give the teams the go, and are necessary to put the players in condition for a hard campaign. Rich-

CAMBRIDGE GRAYS
PLAY AT CONNERSVILLE

Fans Accompany Team There Today.

High School Men HAVE TWO WEEKS

In That Time They Must Round In Shape for Quadrangular Meet.

ALLISON IS DETERMINED.

CANDIDATES FOR TEAM MUST QUIT SMOKING AND "CUSSING" IF THEY KEEP THEIR PLACES—PRESENT OUTLOOK.

Two more weeks are to elapse before the members of the Richmond High school track team participates in the quadrangular meet at Anderson, and it means that the candidates for the various events will have to get down and dig to be able to keep pace with the contestants from the other three high schools that will take part in the field meet. The boys have taken more interest in the track athletics during the past two weeks and now Captain Allison has eleven men out for positions on the team and nearly all of them can be counted on for securing several points. Next week Allison will order all his men to appear on the public playgrounds for practice and those who are not regular in their attendance and who do not quit smoking and swearing will be given their walking papers on short notice. He states that he will have his men in good condition by the time of the field or know the reason why.

Allison stated yesterday that he expected Manager E. L. Torrence to secure a track meet date with the fast Rushville team to be held May 9, so that the local team will have an equal chance against the other triangular meet high school teams. Manager Torrence stated that he will do all in his power toward securing dates for the team.

Allison, as usual, is the whole team.

Out of the fourteen events he is a candidate for eight, and it is very probable that he will give the candidates for the other position a hard race.

Chapman and Magraw were with the team last year, and are counted as men who will take first place in the events they are entered.

Wann is a new man, but is expected to make good. He comes from an athletic family and his brother, "Happy," of Earlham college, expects him to keep up the record. Haas is doing well with the hammer and is expected to make the other contestants for this event hustles.

The candidates that are out for the different positions are as follows:

100 dash—E. Cotton, R. Brown, Burham and Allison.

220-yard dash—R. Brown, Burham, Marrott and Allison.

440-yard run—Burham, Brown and E. Cotton.

880-yard run—E. Cotton and H. Cotton.

Hammer throw—Haas, Marrott, Hobson.

Shot put—Thornburg, Haas and Allison.

Discus—Marrott, Haas and Allison.

Mile run—H. Cotton.

Broad jump—Chapman, Magraw and Allison.

High jump—Magraw and Chapman.

Pole vault—Wann, Allison and Magraw.

120-yard hurdle—Allison, Magraw and Wann.

220-yard hurdle—Allison, Magraw and Wann.

JOHN SUMMERS.

Summers is the hard hitting English

lightweight prize fighter, who was

matched to fight Terry McGovern, but

who was prevented from fighting by

the police.

It is a good rule to pass lightly over the mistakes of others and pay a deal of attention to those you make yourself.—*Atchison Globe*.

MIAMI SWAMPED BY QUAKER LADS

Earlham Lads Romped Away With First Field Meet of The Season.

SCORE STOOD 92 TO 17.

CAPTAIN HERBERT WHITE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL STAR OF THE MEET—GOOD TIME MADE CONSIDERING CONDITION OF TRACK

(By Tort.)

Captain White and his team of white clad Earlham track and field athletes, had no difficulty yesterday afternoon in giving Miami the worst trouncing that the Quakers have ever administered their ancient rivals, winning by a score of 92 to 17. "Cap" Herbert White himself was one of the bright particular stars of the meet, winning first in the 120 yard high hurdle, the 220 yard low hurdles and the 440 yard dash events and taking second place in the high jump.

Little Conrad, the crack sprinter and jumper, gave his captain a hot tussle for honors, winning first place in the running broad jump, the high jump and the 220 yard dash events and pulling down second honors in the 100 yards dash and the pole vault.

Good time was made in the track events considering the soggy condition of the track and the high west wind. In the one hundred yard dash, McCoy of Miami won, in 10.43 seconds. McCoy of Miami, the western conference, meet champion, finished third in this event, making the distance in a mud soaked alley. No records were broken but the events were pulled off in a fast manner and the meet was a thoroughly enjoyable one to the fair sized crowd. Summary:

TRACK EVENTS.

100 Yard Dash.

First—McCoy, Miami.
Second—Conrad, Earlham.
Time—10.43 seconds.

Half Mile Run.

First—Winslow, Earlham.
Second—Namey, Earlham.
Time—2:15.45.

120 Yard High Hurdles.

First—White, Earlham.
Second—Britton, Miami.
Time—17.45 sec.

220 Yard Dash.

First—Conrad, Earlham.
Second—McCoy, Miami.
Time—21.35 sec.

440 Yard Dash.

First—White, Earlham.
Second—Wann, Earlham.
Time—56.25 sec.

220 Yd. Low Hurdles.

First—White, Earlham.

Second—Calvert, Earlham.
Time—29.45 sec.

One Mile Run.

First—Hutton, Earlham.

Second—Furnas, Earlham.

Time—5:16.

One Mile Relay.

First—Earlham.

Second—Miami.

Time—3:53.15.

FIELD EVENTS.

Discus Throw.

First—Pennington, Earlham.

Second—McCoy, Miami.

Distance—105.4 feet.

Shot Put.

First—Pennington, Earlham.

Second—Thistlethwaite, Earlham.

Distance—55.45 feet.

Pole Vault.

First—Hancock, Earlham.

Second—Conrad, Earlham.

Height—5.

High Jump.

First—Conrad, Earlham.

Second—White, Earlham.

Height—5.

Hammer Throw.

First—Guer, Earlham.

Second—Thistlethwaite, Earlham.

Distance—110 feet.

Running Broad Jump.

First—Conrad, Earlham.

Second—Markley, Miami.

Distance—21.7.

The Rat.

The rat's sins are manifold. The damages which he does in a year to crops, gardens, stores, granaries, poultry and game, dairies and outbuildings, foundations, walls and drainage can not be calculated exactly, but it is enormous. He is ubiquitous. He swarms in fields, hedges, coverings, farms, cellars, cellars, sewers, docks and ships. He is clever in getting out of difficulties, extremely courageous, able to exist on almost any kind of food and horribly prolific.—London Spectator.

The Retort Direct.

"See here," cried the artist, who had come to complain about the materials he had bought, "I can't imagine anything worse than your paints."

"That's strange," replied the dealer.

"Don't you ever use your imagination on your painting?"—Exchange.

Hopeless.

"We wish, madam, to enlist your aid in influencing your husband for the public good. He holds the key to a very interesting situation and—"

"I don't see how I can be of any assistance to you. John never could find a keyhole."—Houston Post.

Frenzied Arithmetic.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, if your father had twenty dozen eggs in his store and found that eighteen of them were bad, how much would he lose?

Tommy—Nothin'. You don't know pa.

—Pathfinder.

The Mean Part.</