



Among the FANS



FIRST RECRUITS DRIFT INTO CAMP

Pitcher Summers of Charleston, Ark., is the first man to report to Chief Abbott.

NEW MEN ARE SIGNED

Keith Crown, Local Southpaw, to be given tryout with Abbott's Indians.

The Indians are drifting into camp. Several have already arrived and others are expected on every train. The first to touch up was "Long John" Summers, the Charleston, Arkansas, twirler, who made a name for himself by winning nine out of ten games pitched for Ft. Smith in the Inter-City league last summer. Others who have arrived are J. D. Anderson of Farmington, and a Johnny Johnson, a pitcher who was turned over to Abbott by the Ft. Williams, Northern league club. Others are expected to arrive today, and by tomorrow practically all the recruits signed, will be ready for work.

Has Good Record.

Summers, the first arrival, claims to be 24 years old, he looks younger, but by the time he has played a few years more he will probably get on to the fact that baseball players get younger every year, just like a prima donna. Long John's 1214 specifications are: Six feet, one, 175, bats right and pitches right, has speed to squander, and travels with a bewildering assortment of curves and a treacherous split ball. His batting average last season was .248, while he won nine out of ten games pitched, with an average team behind him. This is his first year, in organized baseball but Abbott believes he will be able to deliver the goods.

Johnson is a pitcher who has just been signed by Abbott. He was signed with the Ft. Williams, Northern league club, and worked out with them at Ottumwa this spring. Ft. Williams did not need him and turned him over to Abbott. Johnson is a big giant of a man with strength enough to throw a ball through a stone wall. Just what he may be able to do is somewhat of a question which will be settled in the next two or three weeks.

New Catcher Signed.

Anderson is another who has just been signed. He caught a few games with the Danville, Three-Eye club last season, and was signed up with Waterloo this year. His release to this club has been secured and he will be given a chance to show what he has. His home town is Farmington. Keith Crown, a local left handed pitcher, will be given a tryout with the Indians, Abbott said last night. Crown has played semi-pro ball in this city for several years and has made a good record. He will probably pitch for the Blue Labels at Nauvoo today, while Anderson is booked to catch. Abbott will probably go over and watch the boys work.

Work on the ball park is progressing rapidly and the ground-keeper, Red Osborn, says it will be in shape by Tuesday. The infield has been graded and smoothed off and is about ready for the first workout.

GUNBOAT SMITH WILL MEET FRENCHMAN

Will Get \$25,000 for 20 Round Bout with Georges Carpentier in London.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 11.—An offer of a \$25,000 purse made by Dick Burge of London for a 20 round bout there between Gunboat Smith and Georges Carpentier was accepted by cable this afternoon by Jim Buckley, Smith's manager. This means that the proposed match here May 29 between Smith and Sam Langford is off.

"The Gunner is willing, however," said Buckley, "to meet Langford or any other heavy weight of prominence when he has fulfilled his engagement with Carpentier."

Columbia Wins Close Game. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 11.—Columbia shut out University of Pennsylvania, 3 to 0. Score: Columbia 3 3 0 U. of P. 0 0 0 Batteries: Shea and Roseff; Maden and Koons.

LIGHTWEIGHTS ARE ROUNDING IN FORM

Ritchie and Murphy Getting in Shape for Twenty Round Mill Next Friday.

BOTH ARE CONFIDENT

Ritchie Says He Will Try for Knockout—Murphy Seems Equally Confident.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 11.—Both Willie Ritchie and Harlem Tommy Murphy were rapidly rounding into shape today for their scheduled 20 round battle here next Friday evening at Coffroth's open air arena. Although many followers of pugilism predict a victory for the Harlemites, the fans have installed Ritchie a ten to six favorite and the Murphy money is scarce.

If appearances count for anything, Ritchie is fit to put up the battle of his career. He is going about his training with a vim and a dash that were absent during his preliminary work for the proposed battle last December with Murphy.

"I am going to play for a knockout," said Ritchie today. "Just as I do in every fight and I hope to be successful. I realize that Murphy is a great little fighter but I must say I think I am a better one. I don't want to boast but I feel sure of putting the Harlem Harp away."

Is Down to Weight.

"I am already down to 137 pounds and the weight will cause me no trouble. Just to show the fans what the figures are, I am going to weigh in at public at my training quarters at Colma tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon."

Murphy is just as confident as Ritchie.

"I have fought and beaten better men than Ritchie," said Murphy today, "and I think he will be easier for me to trim than either Wolgast or Abe Attell. I have been trying for a long time to get Ritchie in the ring and my only hope is that nothing happens to him this time. I expect to be the light weight champion of the world by next Friday midnight."

TWO LOCAL TEAMS WILL PLAY TODAY

Overlands and Blue Labels Have Games Out of the City Today—Fast Games Expected.

Two local baseball teams play games out of town this afternoon. The Overlands will go to Warsaw for a game with a team of that city, while the Blue Labels go to Nauvoo.

The battery of the latter team will be composed of a pitcher and catcher that have signed with Abbott's Indians and Abbott will go with the team to watch the men work out. Keith Crown, who will pitch for the Blue Labels, signed yesterday for a tryout with the Indians. Anderson, another man signed by Abbott yesterday, will work behind the bat.

Manager Burke of the Overlands, has received a letter from John Dickey, the youngster who is trying out with the Ottumwa C. A. club this week. Dickey has not yet finished school, and is expected to return here today. He has been making a good record with Egan and has played in every game so far. He will probably play with Burke's Overlands on his return.

Will Play at Des Moines.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DES MOINES, Iowa, April 11.—The White Sox Yannigans will play an exhibition game with Isbell's Western league battlers here tomorrow and it is expected that Red Faber, formerly with the locals, now in a Sox uniform, will work against his old team mates. Isbell will send the regular line up against the visitors.

DENIES KILLIFER CASE IMPORTANT

Ban Johnson Says Decision Against Reserve Clause Will Not Hurt Organized Baseball.

CONCILIATION?

Report That Warfare Would be Stopped by Compromise With the Federal League.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Ill., April 11.—President Ban Johnson of the American league, back from a conference at Cincinnati with Garry Herrmann, declared today that organized baseball will not suffer by reason of any recent developments. This was Johnson's only comment on the Grand Rapids court ruling in the Killifer case that knocked out the famous reserve clause held so precious by organized baseball.

The American league president denied that he would attend a conference it was reported would be held in St. Louis tomorrow or in the near future to formulate plans for warfare against the Federals. He said that St. Louis lawyers would handle the litigation to enjoin Pitcher Earl Hamilton and Catcher Clem Clements of the St. Louis Browns from playing with the Federals.

Johnson himself would not discuss his Cincinnati conference yesterday with Herrmann but it was persistently reported that the two leaders of organized baseball considered plans for conciliation with the Federals and putting an end to the destructive warfare that has already cost the older leagues many thousands of dollars.

Men on the inside here today professed to have information from Cincinnati that Herrmann proposed to Johnson that some plan be worked out to bring the Federals into organized baseball before the season is fully under way and before more litigation is started. The American league executive is said to have looked upon this proposal more favorably than he did a few weeks ago and it was rumored here that prospects of the three leagues getting together under a "gentlemen's agreement" are growing brighter. Owner Chas. Weisman of the Chicago Feds heard reports of the proposed peace treaty when he returned from Knoxville, Tenn., tonight.

"It would be a whole lot better if we were all working in harmony," said Weisman, "but if the older leagues want war, we're all set for war."

WHITE SOX YANNIGANS DEFEAT OMAHA 5 TO 1

Blackburn's Hitting is Feature of Game—Lathrop's Eighth Consecutive Victory.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] OMAHA, Neb., April 11.—The White Sox Yannigans defeated the Omaha Western league team here this afternoon, five to one. Blackburn got four hits in five times up, two of them being doubles. It was Lathrop's eighth consecutive victory for the Yannigans. Score: Omaha 1 4 2 White Sox 5 12 0 Batteries: Stevenson, Clesman, Hicks and Crosby; Lathrop and Sullivan.

REPORT AT OTTUMWA.

Members of Fort Williams Club Arrive in Town.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 11.—The members of the Fort Williams baseball team of the Northern league have begun to drift into town. They are coming from different parts of the country and some six or seven are already here. They are planning on doing a little workout practice if the weather permits and the Myrtle street park is in fit condition for them.

INDOOR LEAGUE STANDING.

The standing of teams in the indoor baseball league to date is: Hulskamp 5 0 1 000 specialists today examined the injured elbow of "Heinie" Wagner, Red Sox captain, in an attempt at explaining the baffling pain that has kept him short-stopped out of the game and



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Sporting Views By the Editor

Although Keokuk is about the last club on the circuit to get started on its training season, no tears are being lost on this account. The other clubs that have been able to get their men out of doors have been compelled to work under north pole weather conditions to no very good results. So the Indians are ahead an extra week or so of training expenses and the men are in good condition at that, as most of them have been playing or working out in their home towns.

Buttons for Bugs. From around the circuit comes reports of booster clubs being organized in nearly all the cities. The sale of booster buttons brings in added revenue to the clubs, and club directors figure that they help the season's attendance. It is also claimed that booster clubs put an effective quietus on the gentle art of rapping. But where's the percentage in having bug buttons in a town like this? We don't need 'em.

One Best Bet for the Day.

Predictions are in order, and have been for some few months. Nearly every sport scribe on the circuit, after making careful calculations has recorded his prediction on the pennant winner as follows: Cedar Rapids Gazette—Cedar Rapids.

Waterloo Courier—Waterloo. Marshalltown T.R.—Just top Waterloo.

Clinton Herald—Clinton. Muscatine Journal—Keokuk. Ottumwa Courier—Egan. Burlington Gazette—Burlington.

The G. C.—You know how we feel about this, don't you. Of course we know who's going to glom that gon-fal-fo but modestly forbids our talking too much about it. So since Muscatine has voted for us, and since they have as good a chance as Kewanee or Monmouth, probably, here's a vote for Frank Boyle and his Rebels.

Specialists Work on Wagner.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BOSTON, Mass., April 11.—Three specialists today examined the injured elbow of "Heinie" Wagner, Red Sox captain, in an attempt at explaining the baffling pain that has kept him short-stopped out of the game and

has brought him eight pounds below his usual playing weight.

FEDERALS WILL SUE KILLIFER FOR \$25,000

Have Instructed Club Presidents to do Business with Players in Both Leagues.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 11.—The Federal league will shortly institute suit against Catcher Killifer for \$25,000, alleging breach of contract and the eight presidents of the new league clubs will be instructed immediately "to do business" with any player in American and National leagues. This was the program announced here this afternoon by President Gilmore of the Feds who arrived here today. "We are much elated over the Killifer decision," said Gilmore. "We won't appeal. Instead we intend suing Killifer for \$25,000 for breach of contract."

"We decided also today to instruct the presidents of the eight clubs to do business with any base ball player in American and National leagues. We do this in view of the action of the Philadelphia Nationals and the Cleveland and St. Louis Americans in entering players we have had under contract to sign contracts with them."

WASHINGTON CREW DEFEATS STANFORD

Entire University Crew to Compete in Race in Poughkeepsie in June.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] OAKLAND, Calif., April 11.—Making every stroke count and rowing in magnificent form, the Washington varsity eight oar crew today on the Oakland estuary, easily defeated the crews representing the University of California and University of Leeds Stanford. Today's victory entitled Washington to compete in the inter-collegiate race to be held in Poughkeepsie in June. The official time for the varsity three mile race was announced by Timer Walter Christie as follows: Washington, 18:58; Stanford, 19:24; California, 19:37.

Pitcher Released.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 11.—Pitcher Chellette was released this afternoon to St. Joseph of the Western league by Manager Hogan of the Venice Coast league team.

CHUCK LIND SLATED TO RETURN TO GAME

Muskie Who was Put Out of Commission by Wilkus, Arrives at Boss Boyle's Camp.

MUSCATINE, Ia., April 11.—Plenty of dope was stirring here in the Muskies' camp, chief item of which was the arrival of Chuck (Jennie) Lind. Chuck has been hibernating in Chicago during the winter and is anxious to get out into the open air again. He says he will soon get into shape and hopes to make as good if not a better showing this spring than he did last year.

Previous to the time when Chuck was rendered hors de combat at Waterloo by his head obstructing the path of a ball hurled by Wilkus, he was the demon workhorse of the gang. For awhile, after the fatal blow, Chuck talked in numbers and never did get back into condition.

His cranium, however, has not been bothering him any during the winter and he doesn't believe he will have any grief from that direction during the coming season.

Hub Hart Leaves.

Hub Hart, the backstopper who was recently peddled by Boss Boyle to Toledo, O., left yesterday morning for the eastern city. Hub's sale to a class B organization has brought up the question of whether he will make good and the local boys will watch his career with interest. One of the things which Hub could never be accused of is, loading on the job and if hard work will win a place for him at Toledo, he has a strangle hold on a job right now.

Danny Coming.

Danny Harrell, the sweet singing sorrel-topped second sacker, has written to the chief that he will be here soon. He expects to leave Pittsburgh on April 13 and will get here on the 15th. Danny is a switchman by profession and at the present time he and his friends are indulging in a little strike. If he leaves before the affair is settled, he stands a good chance of being thrown out in the cold, cold world without a job.

Delaney Betting Favorite.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 11.—Cal Delaney, the Cleveland featherweight, is a slight favorite in the betting for his meet with Ritchie Mitchell, local scrapper, Monday. Delaney stayed in

Chicago Saturday but promised local bugs he would give them a sight of his training methods tomorrow.

PHILLIES EVEN SERIES WITH MACK'S CHAMPS

Take Ten Round Contest, 65-Heavy Slugging by Both Marks the Contest.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 11.—By winning today's ten round contest, 6 to 5, the Phillies tied up the city series with the Athletics at three all. Becker drove in the winning run with a single in the eighth, after being shored in as a pinch performer for Muggsy. The fracas was marked by heavy hitting on both sides. Grover Alexander was hammered for four tallies in the sixth, although he was given poor support. Score: Phila., Nat. 101 020 010 1-6 14 1 Phila., Am. 000 104 009 0-5 10 9 Batteries: Mayer, Alexander and Burns; Shawkey and Schang. Umpires: Collins and Byron.

JAWN EVERS MIXES IT WITH EDDIE AINSWORTH

Clash Follows Exhibition Game Between Senators and Boston Braves at Washington.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 11.—Johnny ("Crab") Evers and Eddie Ainsworth, Walter Johnson's battery mate, had a hot little scrap after today's exhibition game between the Boston Braves and Griffith's Senators. Ainsworth disagreed with Evers on a play at second during the seventh inning, and grabbed the Braves' second baseman by the jaw. Several blows between the two followed and most of the combatants' team mates joined in the argument. Finally Manager Stallins chaperoned his players to their lockers and stood guard at the door to prevent any further arguments. Nobody was hurt.

Both Braves and Senators took trains for the north immediately after the game. Good pitching won for Washington, 4 to 5.

Brewers Practice in Mud.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DAYTON, Ohio, April 11.—Milwaukee Brewers today discovered why Ohio teams are called Mud Hens. They were unable to play their scheduled game here this afternoon, but floundered around in the mud for a brief practice.