

shown such superiority as to claim the edge. Each has his qualifications.

Keating, the youngest member of the bunch, has shown the best defensive work. Rookie Ray can cover an acre or so of ground between second and third, but his hitting is a trifle weak.

Corriden is a fighter. He has had two years of major experience, but has not been played with enough regularity to enable him to do justice to himself.

Bronkie failed with Cleveland, but had the goods in the American Asso-



ciation. His success hinges on his batting.

Art Phelan, last year utility infielder of the West Siders, can out-hit any one of the four, but fails to cover as much territory on defense as Corriden and Keating.

Phelan is the best all-around ball-player. Whether he can shade his rivals enough at short remains to be seen. It is highly probable that Phelan will be withheld for utility duty, though with Sweeney on second his tasks will be lessened.

Last year, whenever the Cubs were facing a left-handed pitcher, Evers lifted himself from the game and put Phelan in to play second. But Sweeney swings right-handed, as does Phelan, and will not be handicapped when facing the portside.

The first of a series of three games will be played this afternoon between the Cubs and Mackmen. All of the pitchers will be given a chance to show during these contests, and Frank Schulte will also do a job or two of outfielding. Camp will be broken Sunday and the team will begin the winding hike northward.

The Cleveland Naps, already crippled by the Federal raids, suffered another severe jolt yesterday when Ray Chapman, the sterling shortstop, snapped his ankle while sliding to a base in the training camp at Athens, Ga. Chapman will be out of the game at least until the middle of the season.

Joe Tinker's Feds had to take their practice indoors at Shreveport yesterday, but the boss sent them away to some outside work this morning. Cold weather has been encountered, and it may be necessary to postpone the games scheduled with Mordecai Brown's St. Louis team for Saturday and Sunday.

While the athletes were taking it easy President Gilmore of the third circuit put in some good ticks, planning further assaults on organized ball. Gilmore will have agents visit the majority of the southern camps of big league teams and interview some of the stars in training.

Ray Collins signed yesterday with the Red Sox, but Gilmore is reported to have received a score of telegrams from big leaguers asking for contracts. One of these fellows is Holden, an outfielder, who cost the Yankees \$5,000 last season. He made a great record in the minors.

Al Cutshaw of Brooklyn and Goryer Alexander, the remainder of the Phillies' pitching staff, will also be flirted with.