

NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

COMISKEY DOESN'T WORRY ABOUT HIS PLAYERS

Says They Will All Be Around When Practice Begins—Doesn't Take Any Stock in the "Hold-Out" Talk—Other Teams Getting in Line for Practice—Will All Be in Hand in a Week.

One week from tomorrow all of the Western league teams will have commenced practice. In the meantime, the "hold-outs" will have to get in line for practice.

"Watch the rest of them," said Manager Comiskey, "they'll come round all right. If I closed the gate you'd find them climbing over the fence to get into the park when practice begins. I don't expect to have any trouble with

clude Viox, Slagle, Williams, Meeks, Hoover, Perry, Howard and Goad. McVieker was already on hand and in good condition.

The Blues play their first game today with the Armour, one of Kansas City's strongest amateur aggregations. On April 1 the Pittsburg team will arrive for a series of six games.

Manager Loftus, of the Columbus team, has ordered his players to report April 1, after which practice games will be played with Cleveland, Pittsburg, Toledo and Springfield.

From present indications the Columbus team will be made up about as follows:

Catchers, Buckley, Poor, Sullivan; pitchers, McDermott, formerly of Louisville and Cleveland, Jones, Walters, Evans, Carroll and Houghton; infielders, Tebeau, Helen, Genis, Volverson and Doney; outfielders, Lilly, Mertes, Frank, Butler and Knoll.

It is said that Loftus is after one or two other good men, but until the outcome of his efforts is known, it is impossible to form much of an opinion as to his infield. If none others are secured, Tebeau, Genis, Helen and Volverson will probably do the work.

Speaking of the outlook, Loftus says: "The Columbus club will be as strong, if not stronger, than last season."

Frank Graves, manager of the Detroit Base Ball club, has his men in active training at Nashville, Tenn. In a telegram sent to the Detroit Free Press last Wednesday, Graves says: "I am well pleased with the new men

O'Connor, Zimmer and Crier—and is very strong behind the bat. Louisville has a troop of new catchers, who will disappear in the smoke of the practice games and leave Wilson and Dexter to do the actual playing.

New York has Wilson, Warner, Grady and Zearfos. The last mentioned young man would be good if given a fair chance, but is hardly likely to get it with the others in line ahead of him. Philadelphia has Fox and Fisher for new backstops and Fisher is said to be very fair. Boyle and McFarland, however, will do the work, and Douglas is ready for any emergency.

The outlook in the catching field is not promising and, as at this time last year, it can again be said that the successors of Bennett, Ewing and Kelly are not yet in sight.

BASE BALL BRIEFS.

The season has not started, and Macnane Freedman, of the New York club, is already at war with some of the newspapers. He has forbidden several reporters admission to the Giants' practice grounds.

Jim Driscoll, who played with Grand Rapids the latter part of last season, has signed his contract with the Omaha management and will leave Chicago for that city to begin practice, today.

The strength of the Chicago team now depends much upon the showing made by the new men, Ibel, Chance and Woods. If they are all that their enthusiastic admirers claim, the team has nothing to fear.

Larry Batten, formerly of the New York,

CAPTAINS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS.



- 1. JOHN McPHEE, CINCINNATI. 2. THOMAS J. BOWEN, ST. LOUIS. 3. HUGH LAFFEY, BOSTON. 4. MICHAEL GRIFFIN, BROOKLYN. 5. TOM BROWN, WASHINGTON. 6. RICHARD ROBINSON, BALTIMORE. 7. RAY ELY, PITTSBURG. 8. P. OLIVER TEBEAU, CLEVELAND. 9. WILLIAM JONES, NEW YORK. 10. WILBERT ROBINSON, BALTIMORE. 11. FRED CLARKE, LOUISVILLE. 12. WILLIAM DAHLEN, CHICAGO.

any of them. There is nothing in it for them to sign before the day on which they are ordered to report, and all this talk about holding out doesn't amount to shucks.

"I've got five of them, anyway," added Comiskey with a smile, "and I'm good for a game or two myself, and then there's the boy; he could play in the outfield. That would make seven, and I could surely pick up an amateur or two."

If the hold-outs came back into the fold, as Comiskey expects, the team will begin practice with the following: Catchers—Spies, Miller, Geler; Pitchers—Cross, Mullane, Phyle, Denzer, McGill, Pricken.

First Base—Glasscock. Second Base—Glenavlin, Geler, Hollingsworth. Third Base—Glen. Shortstop—Shugart. Fielders—Burke, George, Preston, Miller, Geler. Utility Men—Hollingsworth, Preston, Nye.

All of the above will not, of course, be carried through the season. Commy will weed them out and carry just a sufficient number to win the pennant, so he says.

Manager Allen, of the Indianapolis team, expects to get his players together tomorrow. Last week he sent transportation to all of them, including those who have not yet signed, and asked them to report tomorrow.

President Galt has declined to discuss the salary question by letter with any of his players. He says he has offered the men all that he can and remain within the salary limit, and if they have anything more to say they can go to Indianapolis and talk it over.

Phillips and Stewart, two of the "big five" who are holding out, have little cause to complain of the salary offered them. Foreman and Kahoe have suffered more under the new limit than any of the other players, and, if there is any case whatever for complaint, they have it.

"Sarah" Motz will not be field captain of the Hoosiers this season, neither will he draw as large a check on pay for the "round-up" but Catcher Honson, Pitcher Meredith, Outfielder Frisbee and Pitcher Watt were the only ones to put in an appearance.

Friday and yesterday, however, the balance of the men arrived. These in-

we have signed. Nurdyke, the third baseman, is as good as I ever saw, and I do not think we will miss Steinfeldt. Piper, at second, I know is all right. The pitchers that are here are in good shape, and if the weather keeps good for two weeks I know we are in the race.

"Old Hoss" Twineham, a favorite everywhere, is assisting Manager Graves to get the men in condition.

The pitching staff of the Detroit looks very formidable this year. In addition to Erwin, Hahn, Wadsworth and Thomas, who will probably sign in a few days, Elliott, Waddell, Stewart, Lee Dillard, John Thomas and Underwood are in line.

Van has also succeeded in landing Eddie Pabst, whom he has been after for a matter of two years. The young man is said to be a first baseman of much merit, and if he shows up well will cover the bag for Detroit this year. If he fails, John Ritcher will be kept at the bag.

Manager O'Brien, of the Omaha team, has instructed his players to report April 2.

The vacancy caused by the refusal of the Nationals to let Tebeau go has been filled by Decker, of Chicago, and Omaha fans are happy in consequence.

Third Baseman McKinney, for whom the Omaha people have refused all overtures, reported at the Exposition city last week and left afterwards for Hastings, Neb., where he will put in his time until April 2.

BIG LEAGUE CATCHERS.

Nearly Every Club Will Carry Two Youthful Backstops.

The league catching staff never had so many experiments in line as are numbered on the rolls at the beginning of the present season, nor, it may be said, so few experiments who promise to turn out winners.

Almost every club is carrying a couple of youthful backstops, and not one club in the lot seems to expect that the lads will turn out strong enough to displace the veteran wearers of the mask and pad. Good young catchers are woefully scarce. They are always in demand, but never seem to be good enough to pay for the trouble of securing them.

Chicago has a Californian named Chance, who already shows symptoms of weak batting. It looks as if Kittredge and Donahue, fine catchers but feeble hitters, will again have to do the backstopping.

Boston has two unknown youths named Brandfield and Bemis, but Martin Bergen do the work, with Yeager, who has had one year's experience to relieve him.

Baltimore's three of last year—Robinson, Clarke and Bowerman—will again handle all the pitchers. Brooklyn has called back a veteran—Jack Ryan—and will split up the work about evenly between Ryan, Grim and Alex Smith, all mediocre men.

Cincinnati has a young man named Woods who seems about the best of the juvenile bunch—a really promising young man, who is something of a batter, though a school-

has signed a contract to play shortstop for the Springfield club, of the Eastern league.

The Oriole strike has been broken and Catcher Clarke has gone South to join the Kelley, Kewler, Bowerman and Jennings are still holding out.

The Chicago ball team will finish its preliminary training at Savannah, Ga. Waycross was evacuated on Thursday morning on account of the sick raised by the players over the food and accommodations.

"The Washington club," Mr. Wagner states, "has expended \$22,000 since 1892 in developing young players, and Mercer and Seibach are the only first-class men it has in return for this great expenditure."

A year ago Arthur Clarkson was regarded by all the Western league magnates as the probable champion pitcher in the circuit, but he has dropped completely out of sight. The same fate may await other dillitoy players—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Second Baseman Egan, of Pittsburg, will be a member of Jimmy Manning's Cowboys team this year. Stallings tried to get Egan for Philadelphia, but failed.

The catching department of the Cincinnati Reds this season is over stronger than it was last season. Wood is an improvement over Schriver. He is a faster thinker, as good a catcher and thrower, and faster on his feet than either Peltz or Vaughn.

It is reported that the Louisville club offered "Red" Ebert to Connie Mack, but the Brewers, who are allowed to receive the contracts from Pappalau and Barnes, that he had enough pitchers on his staff now.

When the St. Louis club was on its way to West Baden the correspondents have it that passengers on the train were nicely entertained by several vocal selections in which King Crooks was the star vocalist. Unless his voice has improved wonderfully it is a wonder it did not ditch the train.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says the signing of "Pink" Hawley has killed "Noodie" Hahn's chances of pitching for the Cincinnati this season, and probably means that he and another pitcher will be disposed of in some way. If this be the case it is safe to use Chris Egan's expression, "I ain't mentioning any name, but Damnam look out."

Mike Kahoe, the Cincinnati boy who caught for Indianapolis last season, has not yet signed with the money offered him, and unless the club decides to increase the offer, Mike will be among those to join the team tomorrow.

It is reported on good authority that the following twelve will officiate on President McDonald's staff of umpires this season, thus making the staff complete. Emale, Lynch, McDonald, O'Day, Connolly, Hoyder, Woods, Cushman, Snyder, Curry, Swartwood and Ed Andrews.

Manager Watkins feels much encouraged over the outlook for the Pirates this season. He has been working his team for ten days, and says that he never had a more willing lot of men. Watkins has not yet announced the make-up of his team, but has about decided in his own mind who will do the playing for Pittsburg this summer.

Philadelphia is all right in its batteries and outfield, says the Ledger, and it has Ellender, Abbotto and Nash for the infield, but whether they can be molded into an infield covering the necessary ground and working well together remains to be

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seen, and, as stated, upon that result depends Philadelphia's chances the coming season. It will be interesting to know on what day the Colts will be back in the city. Under Anson they always played a safe, waiting game. Under Tom they will play an aggressive, snappy game, taking all chances where there is a point to be gained. Team work will be Burns' watchword, and the player that cannot subordinate self to team work will be at a discount in the esteem and estimation of his manager. Team work is what wins games, and Burns is going to win all the games that can be had, if clear-headed ball playing will do it. Mattie Kilroy will lead off the batting order, as he is a sure hitter and also a very fast man on his feet. He will be the very man to encourage the men to follow in his work on the base lines, for he will prove to be one of the best base runners in the club. Everitt, for the same reason, will have first chance to demonstrate his ability to fill the void at first caused by Anson's retirement. "Base running will be made a feature of the Colts' training and playing this year. Last season many games were worse than thrown away by stupidity that a school-boy would not be guilty of. Burns intends to see that that is corrected, and he has settled on Kilroy to act as demonstrator, believing that the little fellow will infuse his shrewdness into his team mates, and that they will quickly pick up many strategic moves. Burns' idea is that he would rather have a man that can do the right thing at the right time. In other words, can act quickly, than have a better player who cannot get his mental machine in running order until the opportunity is passed for a trick."

Base running is a most important factor in a struggle for a league pennant, but strange to say, the skillful base runner is the scarcest article in the National League. According to figures, the Baltimore team, with Stenzel at the head, were the best runners, the totals of her first six men being .234, against New York's best six, Davis leading .220. Boston, with a joint combination of 223, was third, with Cincinnati, Brooklyn and Cleveland coming in the order named. It shows that base running is a necessity to a pennant winning team. It is only necessary to take the case of the Giants. Their exhibition of general all-round fielding was as poor as could be. As a batting team they were sixth on the list at the end of the season, yet by their good base running and strong pitching department they made a good showing, and were third in the race.

Cincinnati has finished its training at San Antonio, and is now making a circuit of Southern cities. Manager Ewing reports all the men in tip-top condition. Hahn, drafted from Detroit, will be returned to Detroit, as Ewing considers he has enough pitchers without him.

Catcher Fisher, of last year's Columbus team, is showing up well with the Philadelphia team in Cape May, and is almost sure to be one of the team's regular catchers this season.

Boston is said to be after Pitcher Terry, who is holding out from signing with Milwaukee at the salary limit.

Defeated Six-n-Nah No. 2. The Eureka, of the Minneapolis Y. M. C. A., defeated the second team of the university at basket ball last evening. The game was played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and resulted in a score of 5 to 4.

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