

ALL VETERANS TO BE BACK ON FIELD WITH INDIANS THIS SEASON

Infield to Be Greatly Strengthened, With Stuffie McInnis Stationed at First Base—Seven Regular Hurlers in Shape for Campaign

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CLEVELAND has another pennant-contending club this year. Tris Speaker's athletes have shown unexpected strength during the training period, and are getting all primed to battle the Yanks, Browns and any other club that has designs on a first-division berth. In the practice battles some heavy and timely hitting has been done, and the pitchers have performed better than any one expected. The veterans are all on the job and doing their stuff with as much enthusiasm as the kids. They—meaning the vets—probably will occupy all of the regular positions, but not until they have proved their ability to hold down the jobs. Every position was open when training got under way and it was every man for himself, regardless of previous experience.

Speaker says he has seen the best bunch of new material he ever has had in the club. Old-timers who have followed the team for many seasons assert the rookie talent surpasses any that ever was shipped South by the Indians. With so many affirmative votes, the new men probably are good. At least, they look it when they do their stuff on the field.

Manager Tris loaded up heavily on young material this spring. He was willing to try anything once, and before he had been here two weeks forty-one men were in uniform. He had nineteen pitchers, ten infielders, eight outfielders and four catchers. The field was cluttered up every day and it looked like a college football squad turning out for the first practice.

The infield will be much stronger than last year because Stuffie McInnis is stationed on first. Stuffie was down here early, not so much to get into condition, but to study the styles of the other infielders. He took nothing for granted. He knew he would have to handle the throws all season and believed in starting early. His presence in the infield helped a lot, for the men were able to round into form as a unit.

WAMBY will be on second if he proves to be better than Stephenson and Walter Hammond. Riggs was with the club last year and did very well considering it was his first trial in the fast set. He is a good hitter and has improved in his fielding.

Walter Hammond looks like a finished ball player. He managed the Pittsford club in the Eastern League last year, batted .850 and won the pennant. He is a good fielder, throws well and is almost sure to be retained. Hammond was with Cleveland in 1915, but was released when his arm went back on him. He did not get back into the game until three years later and since then has experienced no trouble.

Sewell again will play the short field and cannot be pried loose. Sorrels of May City, Tex., is trying for the job, but is not yet ready for fast company. Larry Gardner is looking better than in years and plays with his old-time pep. Benedict, a collegian from Ohio, and Ymas, of Des Moines, are the rookie candidates.

Louis Guisto is back again after a successful season on the coast. The big first sacker has improved considerably and is walloping the ball as well as any one on the club. He would have an easy time winning the position at first base if competing against any one but McInnis. However, Guisto will be carried along this year for emergency purposes.

Picking a second baseman will prove to be a difficult job. Wamby is good and has had the experience, but Hammond is also a seasoned player. No matter what happens, Speaker will have strong reserve material for his infield.

Steve O'Neil and Les Nannamer will be the first-string catchers, with Shinnait, who was purchased from Hartford last year, and Luke Sewell, the shortstop's brother. Young Sewell looks like one of the best rookie catchers that has broken into the game in years and has made such a favorable impression that he is likely to be carried with the club all year.

SHINNAIL also is doing good work and may be retained, thus giving the tribe four backstoppers.

Pitchers Have Speaker Guessing AS IS ALWAYS the case, the pitching department is causing the most worry. There are seven veterans to start with and an even dozen aspirants. Coveleskie, Bagby, Morton, Sothorn, Uhle, Mails and Dave Keefe will be the old standbys and three or four will be selected from the other candidates.

Coveleskie looked good in the practice games, but Bagby was slow in rounding into form. Jim had more stuff than ever before, last year, but was unable to win many games. He is more or less of an expert this year, but Speaker believes he will have a good year.

Guy Morton has come back. He is in great condition, his arm is perfect and nothing can be said about his control. Guy is expected to win many ball games, because he will be available for early duty. Morton has good curve ball, and if he can get by the first month he will be very effective. The batters are not very formidable against curve-ball pitching early in the season.

Sothorn is working hard and Uhle also is looking good. There is some doubt as to Walter Mails, but the big left-hander admits he will deliver this season, so that's settled. Keefe, who was purchased from the Athletics, will be used for relief duty. He had lots of experience with Connie Mack.

Coveleskie, Morton and Sothorn are almost sure to be in shape when the season opens, and Keefe also will be ready. Of the new men, Barton, a semi-pro from Lynch Mines, Ky., looks like a real find and will be available to Odenwald and Pett, a pair of left-handers, also have a good chance to stick.



CEDARBROOK WILL OPEN LINKS JUNE 1

Complete Layout as Originally Designed Expected to Be in Fine Shape by Then

By SANDY McNIBLICK THE Cedarbrook Country Club expects to open its complete links layout, as originally designed, on June 1. This means all the holes and everything else and it's welcome news to the membership of 400, tried and true golfers.

But the way things now shape up the summer days mentioned above is the promised fete.

Among others the lake hole will be all set. The concrete bottom has been laid and the water will shortly be allowed to trickle in there. It's a two-shot hole, one up to the lake and the other over—if you get it.

All of the greens are being shaped up and the courses all curbed and polished off. F. J. Ryan is chairman of the committee and is a hustler. One other on the committee stands out in the picture, J. Franklin Mehan.

Officers Elected The officers of the club recently elected are: President, M. J. Bridgeman; vice president, Porter H. Payne; secretary, Herbert A. Wallace; treasurer, William McKeeby.

They are speeding up the plans to make all that is out of the best in the district with emphasis on the golf course. The greens are very large throughout and scoring is harder for the novices than the expert, for this reason.

Opening day this year will be in early April. The first organization will be that of the tennis. The women are anxious to make an even better showing than last year's and have already been made by Mrs. J. M. Reubenberg, Mrs. George Bridgeman and Mrs. J. F. Mehan on a committee with Mrs. Reubenberg as the active member.

Mrs. Neehan, with her daughters, Sara and Helen, made a formidable trio last year. It is the desire to form not only a regular team but a second team as well such as has been done in many of the older clubs.

To do this there will be preliminary matches before the interclub matches start.

Team Promising The men's team is most promising and will have a fine season. The team, which is headed by Charlie Beckner, A. J. Boyd, Chalmers and George Johnson, E. J. and Myles Higgins, Hale, Charles von Tegen and others. Paul Jennings, John Beadle and possibly others will be left to the team.

Joe Seda is the pro and one of our best. From the added facilities of a fine golf house he will continue the instruction to many promising newcomers to the links.

The club is moving along with a community appeal and social life is a big feature there. Bridge, dinner and other parties are held almost daily. A tennis tournament will shortly be held under the direction of Bill Squibb. He is also interested in the Cedarbrook News, "one of the best club bulletins, or rather magazines, in town."

BOBBATES NAMED DOBSON MANAGER

Has Signed Many of Last Year's Stars, Including Pitchers Schofield and Hoffman

HARRY HAIGH BEHIND BAT THREE J. & J. Dobson baseball team, champions of the Falls of Schuylkill will be well represented on the diamond in 1917. The team is being rapidly rounded from its winter haunts by Bob Bates, who has been appointed playing manager this season.

BOBBY BARRETT IS SMALLER BOB FITZ

Punches Hardest Under Fire, Says Jack Kearns of Clifton Heights Knockout

By LOUIS H. JAFFE MINUS the freckles, Bobby Barrett, the skinny-legged, broad-shouldered Clifton Heights rooster, is a pocket edition of the late Ruby Bob Fitzsimmons, the middleweight heavyweight champion.

GIRLS IN BIG MEET SCHEDULED MAY 18

Five Events to Be Decided for High School Championships of Philadelphia

By PAUL PREP GIRLS of public high schools here will meet on Northeast Field, Twenty-ninth and Clearfield streets, May 18. The meet will be similar to the boys' "Quads," and will be for the championship of the city.

The proposed basketball game between Temple University and Eastern College, of Manassas, Va., for the girls' basketball championship of the East next Saturday, has been called off. Miss Blanche E. Voorhes, coach of the Temple girls, made this announcement.

Girls' Good Record The girls at Swarthmore High School have done through a very successful basketball season. Eleven games were played and only four were lost. And if it had not been for a calamity—yes, it could be called that—all of the contests probably would have been won.

Boots and Saddle Horses which seem best today at Havana are: First race—Havana Electric, Brown Shasta, Don Normand; second—Jap Muna, Primitive, Helen Major; third—Wreckless, Don Pope, Datusa; fourth—Buddies, Cabin Creek, Mumbo Jumbo; fifth—Costigan, Rebuke (entry); Leghorn; sixth—Navajo, Baywood, Nellie Puff; seventh—Constance, Meador, Bill Hurt, Billy Seven.

Y's Krax SPEAKING of mixed bouts, how about Joe Beckett vs. Steve Brodie for diving title?

Horses which seem best at Tijuana today are: First race—Arriana, Chippendale, Eugenia K.; second—Hickorynut, General Byng, Dainty Lady; third—Boundling Through, Baby Sister, Lariat; fourth—Cover Up, Hattie Willard; fifth—Cassidy, Buckhorn II, Omond; sixth—Pennette, Thirty Seven; seventh—Miss Polly; eighth—Kitty Cheatham, Bookworm, No Wonder.

Herzog Coaches Army Nine Baltimore, March 23.—Charles L. Herzog, former major league star, has signed a contract to coach for the baseball team in the third Army Corps area this season.

DAUGHTERS OF COLUMBUS WIN FIRST OF SERIES

Stage Rally in Second Half of Championship of K. of C. A sensational rally in the second half of their game with the Ladies of Pinson enabled the basketball team of the Daughters of Columbus to take the first game in the series for the championship of the K. of C. by the score of 18 to 11. The game was played at K. of C. Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets.

The winners were trailing at half time 7 to 5, the Pinson player having forged to the front on excellent free tossing. In the final frame the Daughters rallied and two successive field goals gave them a lead which they never relinquished.

Miss Denshey starred for the Daughters with eight points, two field goals and four fouls, while the foul tossing of the Misses Conway and Tracy was excellent, the former getting four and the latter five.

St. Leonard's girls' team had no trouble yesterday in defeating the rival Sharon Hill sextet by the decisive score of 43 to 9. At half time the total was 18 to 9, and in the final period there was no stopping the St. Leonard's crowd. Alay Sullivan and Agnes Reardon more garnered all the tallying honors by landing twenty-one and goals.

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