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PROTEST OF OPENING GAME UNDECIDED-CARSON BACK

FRIDAY'S PLAY IS PREVENTED BY RAIN

BRONCHOS AND COAL MINERS HAVE OFF DAY.

BILLIKENS ARE IN LEAD

First Trip of Contests Leaves Fort Wayne and Evansville at Top of Ladder — Like Ed Smith's Club.

A double header to-day at Terre Haute was the order of the day as the result of a lay-off yesterday, when the Bronchos and Coal Miners were forced to postpone the third struggle of the opening series because of a gentle, but convincing downpour. They entered the first struggle this afternoon with their standings equal, the decision of Dr. F. R. Carson on the protest of the opening game having not been officially announced. It is certain, however, the contest will be thrown out. Umpire Cleary declared his decision had been made because of his ignorance of the rules of this league. He said:

"In the central association when a umpired last season it was the custom for some local official to proceed to take ball. The batter was supposed to take the ball and then to have the first strike called on him. I made my mistake by not inquiring as to the custom in this league."

Billikens in Lead.

With the race but three days old Dr. Casey's Billikens are in the lead with the Evansville club. The Indiana team has a perfect record for Fort Wayne seems to be striking her stride on the jump, for the singlers, reputed to be strong, have fallen victim to successive outcrops slaught on three successive occasions. Manager Casey, himself, has already gained the reputation of a live wire, and his club is apparently of greater class than predicted. Baseball men are discussing the Evansville outfit before the opening, expressed their belief the Fort Wayne club had been so shot to pieces by draft and release of players. I report it would not be able to compete with the strong aggregation established by South Bend. Terre Haute is in the cellar.

Casey certainly took up the management of the Billikens with a discouraging outlook for the team. Pitcher left was not expected to be up to the mark, while the catcher the season, Gaisser, Robertson, Miller and McDermott had been lost by sale and draft, while Eddie Coffey and Carl Manda, both crack ball tossers, have been lost to the club by draft. Manager Coffey remains determined to only the game for good as he announced last winter he would, and predictions the lure of the diamond would prove too much have failed to come true thus far.

Tet Fans Like Bronchos.

Terre Haute fans like the South Bend club and not a weak spot on the club can be found by them. That feature of his club has been Manager Smith's pride since he gathered his squad together, and when the left South Bend club left for home it left a good impression in himself and his club to make a creditable showing. Judging by reports brought back from Terre Haute by local fans who were present at the opening game, the Bronchos will be a good team. The catching department is strong, the pitchers are experienced, in good shape, and effective. The infield is also composed of veteran players who have been in the game with the best. In the outfield Kelly, King and Geier form a trio the equal in all around playing ability of any three gardeners in the league, barring none.

That Terre Haute is not an strong team as Evansville, the home club of George Hull, old-time fan, and one of the prime movers in the Jefferson boulevard rooting club, who was present at the opening game of the season at Evansville, is not due to the fact arrangements were made by Mr. Hull "Mike" Calnon and Chief W. A. Grant for the reception of the rooters' club if the trip to Terre Haute planned for July 4 materializes.

The Bronchos have done in her three struggles with the Dayton Vets so far this season. Punch Knoll has a strong club, as shown by the excellent showing made by the team against American association clubs during the spring training trip, but it has not been going at top speed from the start.

Play Brilliant Ball.

Reports from Zanesville state both clubs are putting up a brilliant article of ball. Joe Raidy has the men he has gathered together in shape to play the game good speed in the early part of the season, as the showing of the Athletics may only be a flash in the pan. Punch got a poor start with his club last season, but finished well up in the race.

The Zanesville had little trouble in defeating Grand Rapids in the first game, the second proved a little more difficult to one, the Graduates forcing the Kids to a ninth inning rally results in a win for the home team. Both teams are in poor shape, or Dr. Harley Parker has gathered a classy bunch of sluggers, for in both contests the Grads gathered in enough runs to win a game. The Grads showed up the Kids' total of hits to the pair of contests would tend to indicate Parker hasn't pitchers even near the class of the Central league, for in the two games 20 hits have been gleaned off the delivery of his hurlers.

The Kids have a fairly creditable contest at bat considered should, however, find their pitchers hit with such frequency, no great cause for alarm would be raised, while Parker's club should be able to hold its own, for lacking the Central league stand the hard hitting of the Kids is attributed to the exceptionally poor pitching staff of the Graduates.

Brewster Here Soon.

The season is but three days old and Manager Brewster of the Dayton Vets is looking for Dunkirk to be offered soon, as the Hoosiers are due to begin the opening home series here next Thursday, after a four-game series beginning at Evansville to-morrow.

Kilkens and Phillips Draw.

By Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, O., April 29.—Tommy Kilkens, of Cleveland, and Joe Phillips, of Providence, R. I., lightweights, fought 10 fast rounds to a draw here last night.

Tommy Gavigan, of Cleveland, knocked out Fred Munger, of Indianapolis, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

STANDING OF LEAGUES.

Central League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Fort Wayne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evansville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
South Bend	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Terre Haute	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dayton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grand Rapids	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wheeling	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

National League.				American League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	12	3	[illegible]	Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburg	9	4	[illegible]	Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	9	4	[illegible]	New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	8	4	[illegible]	Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	7	4	[illegible]	Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brooklyn	5	5	[illegible]	Cleveland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Louis	3	9	[illegible]	St. Louis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cincinnati	2	9	[illegible]	Washington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Central League.

South Bend at Terre Haute.
Grand Rapids at Dayton.
Fort Wayne at Evansville.
Zanesville at Wheeling.

National League.

Pittsburg at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Boston at New York.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, rain.

American League.

Chicago at St. Louis, rain.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1.
Boston at Detroit, 2.
New York, 2; Boston, 1.

GAMES TO-MORROW.

Central League.

Grand Rapids at Terre Haute.
South Bend at Zanesville.
Dayton at Wheeling.
Fort Wayne at Evansville.

National League.

Cincinnati at St. Louis.

American League.

St. Louis at Chicago.
Cleveland at Detroit.

EVANSVILLE WINS BY HEAVY HITTING, 8-7

Graduates Lose Out in Ninth—Wet Grounds.

By Associated Press.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 29.—Evansville won from Grand Rapids yesterday by a score of 8 to 7, a ninth inning rally enabling the locals to win out. Both teams hit the ball hard. In the final session Bagger received first on a hit by Hall, Hall was forced out, certified and Bagger and Sager hoisted with a single. The wet grounds made the play poor at times. Score:

Evansville	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	Grand Rapids	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bagger, 1b	2	2	11	0	0	Hall, 1b	1	1	11	0	0
Sager, cf	2	2	1	0	0	Bergen, 2b	1	1	2	4	1
Hulen, 2b	1	1	2	4	1	Kennedy, cf	1	1	1	0	0
Hedrick, 3b	1	1	1	2	0	Kelly, rf	1	1	1	0	0
Wolfe, ss	1	1	1	2	0	Fouts, ss	1	1	2	2	0
Kelly, rf	1	1	1	0	0	Ellis, 3b	1	1	1	1	1
O'Brien, c	1	1	8	1	0	Ferry, c	1	1	8	1	0
Castella, lf	1	1	1	0	0	Ferry, p	1	1	0	2	0
Ferry, p	1	1	0	2	0	Castella, lf	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	8	8	27	11	1	Totals	8	8	27	10	2

*Batted for Castella in eighth.
**Batted for Ferry in eighth.
Grand Rapids ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7—7
Evansville ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8—8

Base—Hulen, Hedrick, Bergen, Kelly, Sager, Bagger, Wolfe, Hulen, Castella, Hall, Kennedy, Ellis, Sager, Bagger, Hedrick